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Class and Charter Day Kicks Off With A Buzz

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Susan Skerritt K'77 gave a speech entitled "Kirkland Mattered: A Brief Personal Account."

by Meredith Kennedy '09
News Writer

Today, May 4, marks a favorite tradition of the Hamilton College community—Class and Charter Day.

The day began with an opening ceremony in the Chapel at 12:15 p.m., followed by an all-campus picnic on the Dunham green and the College's fourth-annual triathlon, HamTrek.

The activities taking place are meant to reflect the interests and culture of the students and faculty.

The format of the festivities has remained relatively the same for many years, since it began in 1950.

Originating as the idea of President Robert W. McEwen, the event was created as a way to combine the traditional Class Day with commemoration of the granting of the College's charter on May 26, 1812.

Since the Class Day was originally the last Wednesday of classes when students annually held games, athletic and singing contests, and various other extracurricular activities, President McEwen thought it appropriate to supplement that with a celebration of the College's "birthday."

He conceived the idea of holding a convocation in the Chapel with an address by a historian, trustee, and an alumnus or faculty member whose subject related to Hamilton's traditions.

The occasion also included recognition of faculty members with honors and achievement awards.

This year, Charter Trustee Susan Skerritt K'77 maderemarks on "Kirkland Mattered: A Brief Personal Account."

This was followed by the Hamilton College Choir's rendition of "O Danny Boy," as well as the announcement of student

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How "In Touch" Are Tabloids With The Truth?

by Emma Furman '07
Senior Editor

In the weeks before we left on Spring break, photographs of Britney Spears' newly shaven head were strewn across the covers of every major tabloid.

On several different occasions, I stood in the checkout line at Hannaford pretending to be looking at the candy, but really stealing glances at the covers of The National Enquirer and Star Magazine, which were blatantly displaying a particularly memorable and especially terrifying photo of a bald Britney wielding an umbrella against a car.

Perhaps I could have been a little less ashamed, since my observations were really for research purposes as I was about to head down to the Yucatan in Mexico to study tabloids of an entirely different nature.

However, in the United States, there is a certain negative stigma that comes with reading our celebrity splashed tabloids, one of a lesser interest in real, hard news and a slight obsession with "meaningless" popular culture.

Most Americans that I know would be at least slightly embarrassed to be caught with one of these gossip magazines in public, and to admit their fascination with the popular culture that they glorify.

However, as a 1992 Economist article puts it, "almost everyone is fascinated by the personal tastes of the mighty, even as they tut-tut over the methods by which salacious details are brought to the breakfast table."

It appears to be our nature to be attracted to these stories of those with an elite or celebrity status going through divorces, scandals, rehab…the notorious list goes on. One critic, Ray B. Browne, suggests that the appeal of these stories comes from their "sameness," which becomes "a kind of electronic folktale."

"The actions are the same around the world," he writes, "mayhem, violence, monsters, broken-hearts, adultery, lust."

Perhaps we are attracted to these tales because of their reliability despite their elite and untouchable players.

There is also a universal sense of "something faintly taboo" or "forbidden," says a USA Today Magazine article entitled "Tabloid Hysteria."

We are drawn to these exciting stories of scandal and tragedy, and occasionally blissful happiness, that if played out in our everyday lives would be monumental.

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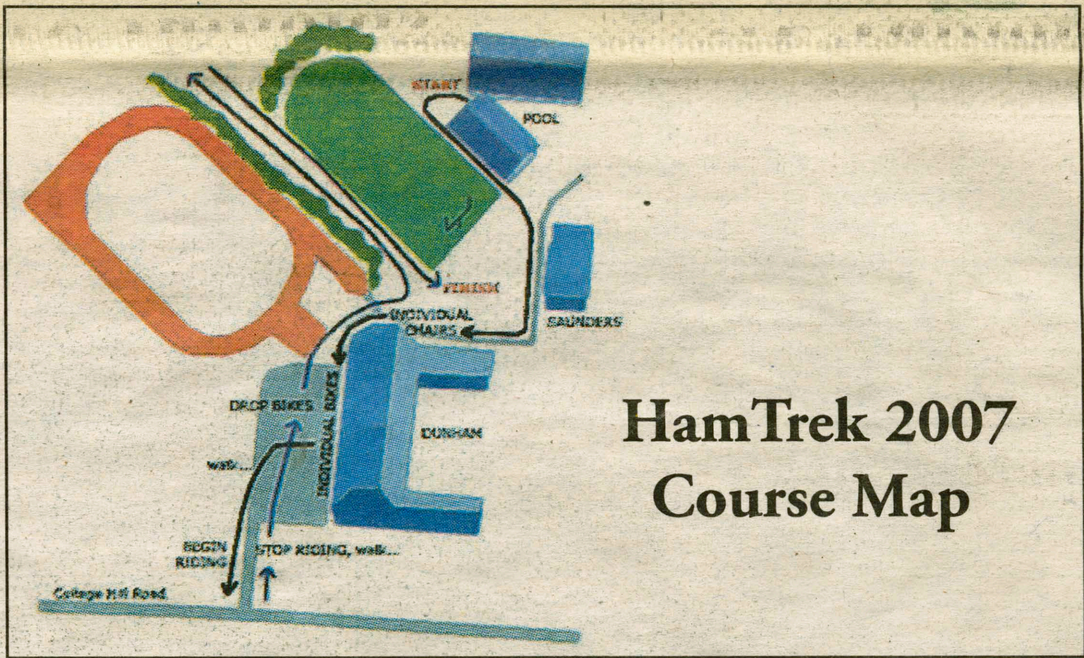
HamTrek Triatholon Today



The race will start in the Bristol Pool at 2:30 p.m. this Friday.

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by Kara Labs '09
News Wriiter

Imagine the smell of sweat, the smell of chlorine and the clinking of bike gears.

Those are some of the elements that are a part of HamTrek, Hamilton's annual 525-yard swim, 3.1-mile run and nine-mile bike sprint triathlon.

On this Friday May 4, which marks the fourth year of the race, approximately 175 people will participate.

The race, which takes place on the Hamilton College campus, starts at 2:30 p.m. in the Bristol Pool.

First, participants swim 21 lengths of the Bristol Pool. From the pool, the participants will travel to the Dunham parking lot to retrieve their bikes.

They will bike the Griffin Road loop twice and from there run the cross-country course. The finish line is on the east end of Steuben Football Field.

There are many people who help make this day possible. This year there are about 40 volunteers who will perform tasks providing pre-race information, race day organization, safety, lap counters, directions on the running course, timing and set up.

The sponsors of the race are also very important. This year they are the President's office, Student Activities, Pepsi and Bon Apetit.

David Thompson, the Director of the Fitness Center & Campus Wellness at Hamilton, is the director of HamTrek. "I work with a committee made up of students, faculty and staff," said Thompson.

Last year's winner was the team consisting of Stef Capizzi, Chris Gardner and Bob Group with an overall time of 54 minutes 2 seconds. The men's winner was Steve Frederick with a time of 55 minutes 12 seconds.

Molly Kane was the first in the women's individual race to cross the finish line with an overall elapsed time of 1 hour 13 minutes and 51 seconds.

Thompson said that the "idea was to rekindle the tradition of field day type activities on Class and Charter Day.

[The] goal was also to provide some healthy alternatives to other Class and Charter Day traditions."

There will be a raffle for all participants and volunteers and the prizes will be awarded at 6 p.m. The results will also be posted on the HamTrek website. It's sure to be a fun time for all with food, music and great prizes.

AIDS Hike For Life Raises Over 57 K

by Elizabeth Taliaferro '10
News Writer

On Sunday, April 29, over 450 participants raised over $57,000 for the ninth annual Aids Hike for Life.

Despite light rain, this was an increase from last year's $52,000 with 400 participants.

In the past eight years, $256,000 has been raised at the annual 5K Hike, which is to provide care for the 32,247 residents of upstate New York living with AIDS.

In addition to providing direct support to people with AIDS, the money also goes to programs like ACR's Adolescent Prevention Programs in area middle and high schools, as well as Teen AIDS Task Force (TAFT).

ACR's goal is to ensure that people living with AIDS have access to necessities such as food, shelter, clothing, medical care and education.

TAFT is an abstinence based HIV sexual education program with 16 chapters in Mohawk Valley. New York State, with 172,377 HIV/AIDS cases a year, has more than any other state. There were 6,299 new cases reported in 2005 alone.

This year's AIDS Hike for Life Planning Committee included Scott Iseman '07, Allison Shpall '08, Ashley Langer '09, Sarah Schrader '09, Chelsea Dilley '10, Alyssa Kanagaki '10, Elena Wood '10, Wil Murtaugh (ACR), Roger Smith (ACR) and Jeannine Murtaugh.

The group met regularly throughout the year to work on publicity, logistics, team outreach, the information table, and making the necessary connection to college offices and groups.

Scott Iseman '07, President of the Class of 2007 and chairman of the committee, decided to add ten pounds to his backpack, which he wore during the hike, for every $100 in donations. After raising $660, he carried 65 pounds in his backpack, and still finished at a fast pace.

"He is the most enthusiastic, the very best Chair we've had in the nine years of the AIDS Hike For Life!" said Wil Murtaugh, ACR's Director of Special Projects/Development.

The AIDS Hike for Life is still accepting donations: If people raised funds for the AIDS Hike for Life and were unable to attend, please drop off your donations at the Career Center or mail them (checks only please) to AIDS Community Resources, 401 Columbia Street, Utica, NY 13502. You can also call 1-800-475-2430.

Congratulations to the LPH Inductees !

We are proud to announce the induction of our newest members to Lambda Pi Eta (LPH), the National Communication Association's student Honor Society. The Greek letters LPH represent what Aristotle described as the three ingredients of persuasion: Logos (Lambda) meaning logic, Pathos (Pi) relating to emotion, and Ethos (Eta) defined as character credibility and ethics. Lambda Pi Eta recognizes, fosters and rewards outstanding scholastic achievement while stimulating interest in the communication discipline. LPH has over 400 active chapters with over 5,000 members nationwide.

The active membership of the society includes: Michael Blasie, Alicia Colabella, Alanna MacKenzie, Samantha Pitter, Allison Pohl, and Britt Carnegie. The induction ceremony took place in the Backus House on Tuesday, April 24, 2007. The ceremony consisted of speeches from LPH President Michael Blasie, LPH Vice President Alicia Colabella, LPH advisor Professor Susan Mason, and keynote speaker Dick Tantillo. The following students were inducted: Meghan Hepp, Lucy Barnard, Amy Brown, and Emma Slane. Each of the new inductees were presented with their red and white LPH honor chord and pin, which they can wear at graduation.

Courtesy of LPH President Michael Blasie '07

Hope you have a "newsworthy" summer!

-Emily

What's On the Movie Channel This Month?

Roman Holiday

Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind
Children of Men

Pursuit of Happiness

Blood Diamond

Happy Feet

Susan Skerritt K '77 Speaks at Class and Charter Day

*from **"Class,"** page 1*

honors and prizes by President Joan Hinde Stewart and Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of Faculty Joseph R. Urgo.

New members were also appointed to various honor societies and President Stewart presented several faculty members with achievement awards.

The ceremony closed with the singing of "Carissima" and a recessional led by Richard G. Lloyd.

After the convocation ceremony, the day was devoted to student fun and games.

Since the tradition began, many other fun events have been added to increase student participation.

David Thompson, Director of Fitness Center and Campus Wellness, organized HamTrek, the on-campus triathlon, which is open to all students, employees and their immediate families, and alumni.

It includes a 525-yard swim, a nine-mile bike ride, and 3.1-mile run on the cross-country course.

In addition to HamTrek, several other opportunities were available on the football field beginning at 1:30pm, today.

These include team games of kickball, whiffle ball, ultimate Frisbee, volleyball, and badminton. Teams also enjoyed the music of DJ Bill T and live music by Stepanian while playing.

Class and Charter Day is an annual opportunity for students, faculty, and alumni to come together to honor each other and celebrate the end of classes in several different ways.

This occasion not only draws the Hamilton community together, but also keeps an important tradition of former President McEwen alive.

This tradition has been continued on The Hill ever since his idea originated, and is a memorable way to mark the end of another academic year.

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Congratulations to the Class of 2007!

The Spectator Staff wishes all of its senior writers and editors good luck! We will miss you.

Hamilton, have a great summer. We'll see you next fall!

-The Spectator
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Tabloids Across The Cultural Divide

*from " **How,**" page 1*

Everyone has at least known someone who has been happily married, or had a family member or friend with a drug problem, or known someone in a drunk driving accident.

These stories are hugely personal when in they occur in our own lives, but when the happen at the hands of celebrity, they become markers of popular culture and simply something fascinating to discuss that you can be sure everyone else has heard about.

They connect us together in a bizarre, almost dehumanizing manner because of the way they make us devalue someone's personal tragedy or happiness. Yet we are fascinated, and continue to pay attention in the checkout line at the grocery store.

As I headed down to Mexico I expected the same array of shocking and sensational stories regarding Mexico's own set of celebrities and popular culture icons.

I was shocked, and I have to admit a little physically sickened when I picked up a set of tabloids from a newsstand and three out of four of them displayed horrifically graphic photographs of mangled dead bodies.

Only one had a sexy celebrity in sight on the cover, relegated to a small corner while a gruesome photo took up the majority of the cover.

The cover story while I was there, taking up a good ¾ of one tabloid's front page, half of the cover of another, and the entirety of another's front page, was about a young man who had been found murdered by the side of the highway because of his involvement in the drug trade. This was the third of these murders to occur in a five day period in this area.

I am now going to describe these photos so that you can have an accurate idea the nature of Mexican tabloids. Please skip over the next paragraph if you do not want to read this graphic description.

Each of these three tabloids prominently displayed photographs of the grossly deformed body; it hardly looked like a human being anymore.

The man had evidently been put inside a plastic bad, suffocated, and burned. He was half naked, as his clothes had been mostly burned off, and you could see his charred skin, blackened from the burning. His body was twisted into a gruesome position, and one tabloid even showed his charred deformed face, which was no longer recognizable or had any identity.

Photographs of this nature littered the pages of these three publications, showing more drug violence, murdered police officers, and the back page of one tabloid even featured a vividly graphic photograph of a man who had been decapitated, fresh with gushing blood.

I experienced a few moments of culture shock, as I hope to have relayed to you with the descriptions in the last paragraph.

Where were the drunken celebrities? Where was the latest gossip on someone's supposed nasty break-up? It had all been replaced with something much more grotesque, but also more real and visceral.

The store's owner told me about the popularity of these tabloids, saying that they are wildly popular with just about everyone. He picked out two, De Peso and Periodico Quequi, both featuring the charred body on the cover and stated that these were the most popular.

I asked him why he felt people were so attracted to these, and he answered me as straightforwardly and brutally honestly as these tabloids present their subjects, "Muertos [dead people] y anos [butts]," he said flipping one publication over and pointing to a photograph displaying a suggestively posed, completely naked woman named Niurka.

And to my lessening level of surprise, every single person who I spoke to said that they read these tabloids regularly.

The responses as to which subjects in the tabloids people read most often were not incredibly varied.

Every person said that they frequently read the articles about deaths, accidents or political assassinations, all making up what the Mexican tabloids refer to as the "red pages."

Most also said that they read tabloids for sports news, especially about soccer; the suggestively posed attractive women; and a few responded that they read articles for political news. The vast majority of the tabloid's pages that I looked at were composed of the "red pages," with slightly less space given to the women and the sports. In one of the most popular publications among the interviewees, De Peso, 11 pages were devoted to stories and photographs about recent murders, 10 to Maxim or FHM-style photographs of women, 3 to sports, 3 to miscellaneous subjects such as horoscopes or movie timetables, and 5 to advertisements.

The overwhelming focus of each publication that I looked at was women and dead bodies.

When I asked people why they read the stories and looked at the photos of murdered corpses they generally responded that these subjects were just interesting and fascinating, and like the American tabloid reader, could not specifically identify the reason for their interest.

Several also said that they read them because they serve as warnings and reminders to use caution in everyday life.

One 19-year-old man said that the tabloids often feature photos of horrific car accidents, which serves as a "reminder to have caution when you drive."

I tried then to find out if celebrities held any of the same power and presence over tabloids in Mexico as they do in the United States.

I used the recent Britney craze as an example, and the name got some blank stares and "I've never heard of her"'s.

One man that I spoke with told me that yes; celebrity's lives are featured in tabloids, such as the popular singer Valentin Elizalde, who as shot in late November due to drug related violence.

The dominance of violence in tabloids seemed to be a recurring theme.

Not only that, but the only pictures of celebrities that were featured were those of the posed Maxim-style women, obviously publicity stills and not the candid paparazzi taken photos we have in American tabloids.

These women are dressed and posed to be looking their absolute best. There was no haggard Martha Stewart gracing the pages of these tabloids, and in fact not an unattractive woman in sight.

In a culture where machismo is a largely present practice, and where men still control most of the politics and social customs, perhaps these tabloids are aimed mostly at a masculine audience.

The women were models of perfection of the female body, and posed to be admired and gazed upon, seemingly by a male eye from the manner in which they were dressed and posed.

The violence, while not inherently masculine by any means, did seem to take on a macho air as those that I interviewed stated that they were not at all bothered by the gruesomeness of the photos as I was, and almost a pride in being able to stand such blood and gore without a major reaction.

However, this desensitization is exactly the same in American media, although the subject matter is different.

We quickly become immune to any true feelings of sadness or pity when the pages of our tabloids are covered with intoxicated celebrities, divorce proceedings and custody battles.

We dehumanize these people just as we can easily dehumanize a dead body without a face or a name.

This article is part of a research project for the Schambach Scholarship Stipend Program.

Many thanks to my advisor, Professor John Adams and to all the people I spoke with in Mexico.

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Just Hokey Enough: Reflections on Hamilton

by Eileen Starrett '07
Senior Sports Editor

The Jaded Senior Girl Column

The title of my column might be "The Jaded Senior Girl Column" but this week it ought to be renamed "The Suddenly Sad Soon-to-be a College Graduate Column." Bear with me. I might be jaded about relationships and friendships (I guess people for that matter), but I also know that I will definitely miss this place. There is so much about Hamilton that will leave me a graduate with a decidedly less jaded frame of mind when I leave the Hill on May 21.

There have been so many "lasts" over the past few weeks. My last class, my last exam, my last paper, my last Pub Lunch, my last this and my last that. In fact, this is my last article for *The Spectator*. I think it might be safe to say that last is my least favorite word right now (though "thesis" is a close second). However, one thing I have realized, something that my brother told me just last night, is that I need to live it up in my last two weeks at Hamilton. I gave it some thought last night and decided he is only partially right because am also reminded of the really great things that I accomplished while I was actually "living up" these past four years.

Hamilton is responsible for shaping what will likely be the four most memorable years of my life. Sure, I've had events here and there until college that will end up being lifelong memories, but I am fairly certain that my four years on the Hill have been comprised of many, many memorable moments that, when they're all rolled into one great Hamilton experience, will have trumped the rest. I can only hope that marriages (my own and my siblings'), children (again, my own and my siblings') and other big milestones will prove to be as memorable as my time at Hamilton has been.

I don't want this article to be a list of hokey experiences and cliché stories. I don't want this to read as a diatribe on all of the great things that Hamilton has to offer either, like an admissions brochure or some speech I might give to high school students considering Hamilton. I am keenly aware that everyone who graduates from Hamilton has different experiences under their belt but I know that there is one main thing we leave as after four years: we leave as extremely capable, independent individuals.

I truly believe Hamilton equips everyone to excel. It might take you a few years to find your niche, but the fact that you can start a student organization and receive funding ten weeks later (or immediately if you know the loopholes), or take any class you want just because it sounds interesting makes Hamilton great and thus, makes all of us great too. We leave Hamilton having taken tons of different classes with different professors in 51 different areas of study. I think Hamilton produces a lot of maybe-minors. We take four or five classes in different disciplines and probably have a minor without even knowing it. I think maybe-minors are great. The fact that we learn so much about so many things is beneficial to us all.

I also think that Hamilton teaches us how to have fun. We are in an environment where we are given a great deal of latitude to do whatever we want. We can party on a Wednesday night or babysit on Friday and go out with 200 of our nearest and not so dearest. We have an entire day, today, Class & Charter Day, where we can run around in the sun and drink beer outside and go down a Slip-'n-Slide 100 times in an hour for goodness sake. We are have such a nice, safe campus where the buildings have stories but when we left them freshmen year they had a whole new set of stories that only a few of us will ever know the truth behind.

And the housing and rooming on campus! Whether we realize it or not, very few other colleges guarantee you housing for four years. The fact that you can always have a roommate or a best friend or best enemy to share a bathroom with, is pretty cool. The stories we had when we got home summer after our freshman year, about the roommate we kicked out (or should have kicked out) or the best friend we were so excited to live near or with during our sophomore years. Or as much as I rant about relationships, don't you just want to smile when you think about that really great guy who feigned a need for help on papers in that class you took together even though you knew he was wayyy smarter than you but you helped anyway (I know I do). In fact, I think I'll smile whenever I think of this place.

There are some things that I am so lucky to take with me when I graduate. I wish I could take the 21-meal plan because I really enjoy the fact that Jeff & Elizabeth (my oh-so-kind parents) will never again prepay for four years of meals. So I guess I will settle for the advice I have received as a student. No matter who doled it out, I will take it with me. The advice about how to maneuver this campus and succeed has been most appreciated.

The best high school graduation present I received was a digital camera. Both because it allowed me to take great pictures but also made me take mental snapshots of moments when I was keenly aware that my camera should have been with me. That I will be able to go back in ten years time and look back at my very last swim meet or a great Saturday afternoon of wine and movies with my roommate is precious to me. Equally precious are the snippets of conversations I remember from my talks with friends, professors and administrators.

I know this column seems a little bit hokey but it is for three reasons. First, I don't want to go out on a sour note and I'm sick of hate-mail. Second, I don't have anything to really rant about this week. Finally, I really do love Hamilton. I really, truly, sincerely hope that when you're a would-be graduate with commencement less than two weeks away, you will feel the same way that I do right at this very moment. So take pictures and sometimes forget your camera. Gossip but make sure you've said it to their face first.

Eat three meals a day because never again will all of your meals be paid for in advance. And smile, because you have absolutely no reason not to when you're a student at Hamilton College.

Thumbs up

- I'm not drunk Professor, I threw up because I'm going to miss your class so much!

- By the time many of you read this today, I will not know what thumbs are.

- Cow Pie bingo is going to be *udderly* fantastic! *Udderly!* HAHAHAHAHA... F#$% you, I don't care anymore.

- Watching people care about the environment for approximately 48 hours after Al Gore's presentation.

Thumbs down

- Closing Commons so the entire campus is forced to go to a community picnic does not mean we care about the community, it means we care about not starving.

- To those of you who don't like this column, found it offensive, or wanted to write it yourselves, come to South 101 today and I will straight up *fight* you. (Disclaimer: I am completely serious.)

- Steve on chatty janitors: "How about we let the brooms do the talkin'!"

by Stephen Allinger '09 &
Tyler Zink '07

Awards

- Best Legs on Campus: Geo!! I've stopped pretending not to look.

- Professor of the Year: Christopher Hill, do I get extra credit if I think you're hot?

- Funniest Joke I Was Not Allowed to Print: Thumbs Up: Hogwarts at Hamilton, keeping filthy mudbloods out of this school since 1812.

- Who Cares of the Year: I wonder if the Daily Bull really *is* throwing a party...

- Best Girlfriend of the Year: Suzy Belmont!! Now you have to do that thing you said you would...(anal).

Hamilton, Where Are Your Priorities?

by Matthew J. Bradley '07
Insights & Ideas Writer

A Senior Column: fleeting perspective

It's mid-night before Class and Charter Day and I just got a call from Ben Noble, who, thankfully, has treated me very well this year considering the fact that many of my articles have been button-pushing commentaries rather than scholarly material. I just sprinted back from the Annex, beer in hand, after he graciously reminded me that I had an article due this past Wednesday for the final issue of the Spectator, of my senior year. After the phone call, I told Lesowski that I'd be back in an hour; despite my claims, however, the couple (notably Benji) bet that it would take me at least two and a half hours to write the final published piece of my college career. Despite Benji's claim's, however, I plan to finish this dank, didactic piece of senior perspective in less than one hour; ready…go.

Tonight, mid-pre-game, I got a call from my dad who just wanted to "check in." Fortunately, I was outside with a cigarette on the roof of Ferguson when he called, so there was no noise pollution. He wanted to see how my recent interview went (it went well) and wanted to remind me that it's more important for me to hang out with my friends and enjoy myself than it was to worry about school work and the job-search. Well, thanks to my father's advice, I'm here writing this article because I was worried a bit too much about hanging out, rather than my responsibilities. But, to his credit, I absolutely do not regret spending a bit too much time this semester focusing on my social life. Instead, I'm glad that he had the foresight to reiterate this idea before I began the home stretch of my academic career.

Now, here comes the didactic section. For all you underclassmen who don't have the pleasure of leaving the environment in which you've created and tailored all your meaningful friendships for the last few years, here comes the advice. When I entered college, my dad explained the experience as a "three-legged stool," consisting of academics, athletics, and social-life. Naturally, throughout my four years, each leg of the stool has taken a little more priority than the others at some point, which has caused me to tip. As a senior with a proud B average who is knee-deep in a successful job search, I can honestly say that after reprioritizing infinite times throughout the last few years, the "social life" leg of the stool should take a lot more priority than the other two. After four years at Hamilton, whatever your GPA, you graduate with the "brand" of one of the most prestigious Liberal Arts schools in the country (screw the other NESCAC's). And, in the end, your social life and meaningful relationships will mean a hell of a lot more than your GPA, trust me.

It's easy to get neurotic about grades, or sports, but you have to realize that, most importantly, you should get neurotic about your friends. These are the people that will be making toasts at your weddings! Granted, you won't necessarily get it right your first couple of years; it took me until junior year to truly become close with the people that I love. And, it took a lot of times almost falling over on my collegiate "stool" to recognize those who truly meant the world to me. Also, for you underclassmen who haven't quite found your niche yet, keep working on it; you'll figure it out. Now, before showing off my brilliant colors, it's important to air-out my dirty laundry.

As a kid who went to Catholic school for eight years and never got a detention his entire life, college gave me the opportunity to test some boundaries I never had the opportunity to breach. If the administration knew the extent of my chaos (especially during my fratastic sophomore and rambunctious senior years), I would have been gone a long time ago. But, fortunately, even with the point system, they can't be everywhere. Now, I'm not condoning outrageous behavior, but simply pointing out the fact that a little craziness here and there never hurt anyone; even the quirky kid who had the privilege of getting arrested his freshman year and called home in the middle of the night scared out of his mind (You do get one call). All I'm saying is, it's way more important to try a little bit of everything than it is to keep it conservative.

On that note, let's move on to relationships. My parent's met in college and I had this funny feeling that I was going to meet "The One" before I graduated. But, after a bunch of meaningless hook-ups, ridiculous relationship, and one instance where I thought I was in love for the rest of my life, I promise that the less you try, the easier it is to find someone who makes you happy. Sorry for the whole "cheating" thing; and, sorry for the angry Rhymelab I invited you to: sometimes, girls, boys have emotions too.

But more importantly, I'd like to end with a shout-out to those people who stood by me regardless of my antics, anxiety- and outrageousness. Leanne: I never thought that someone from my AA trip freshman year would ever remain so loyal and caring about me, but you proved every notion I had about friends wrong. Ross: the first time we really hung was playing guitar on the Dunham quad freshman year—and you still play a mean "Hey Hey" by Dispatch, heart you. Benji: even though I'm allergic to your right (and probably left) fists, me and my scar tissue forgive and love your hegemonic self. Eileen, even though I've been cold once or twice, I hope you realize that I would saw the Alexander Hamilton statue in half to keep you content. Paxton and Nate: even though you're in the library finishing your theses right now while I'm writing a drunken final column, I hope that realize how boring college would have been if I didn't have the chance to meet you. Finally, Katharine: I could write you infinite more sonnets if you really need reinforcement, but I hope you recognize the fact that no one has been more important to me, regardless of varying distances, throughout these four years. Also, cheers to all those people who read my articles, even if they weren't above the thumbs-up, thumbs-down; it means a hell of a lot to have my ideas heard. Finally, I hope that everyone knows how important your senior year is. Never again will you have such a love-hate relationship with a state-of-being. Just remember that, no matter what you do during your four years, you'll never have a chance like this again. Cheers.

End of the School Year, Beginning of Summer Jobs

by Halley Allaire '08
Insights & Ideas Writer

Spring has finally come to the Hill, complete with all the upstate New York rain Mr. Gore has promised us. It's throw-up-your-hands-forget-it-who-cares time for theses. That final 15 pager on "The Growth of Industry, Business, and Urban Culture in Sixteenth Century France" was (hopefully) written last night, and probably no one will read it anyway (or can). It's time to reflect on what we've learned this year, and look forward to summer.

It has been another year of dorm life, campus food and nights we can't remember. We've picked majors, changed majors, cursed our majors. After this year we now know definitively that Hamilton could run circles around Jefferson, Youtube is solely to blame for our GPAs, and even TrimSpa couldn't save Anna Nicole Smith. Although we still don't know why our schooling will cost $2,000 more next year.

It is time again to leave Hamilton for the summer. The question I raise is how productive can we be? Or perhaps more importantly, how productive should we be? Seniors will either spend this summer crunching numbers at some investment firm in the city, sitting in their parents' basement looking for a job like that, or teaching English as a foreign language in some country across the Atlantic with a Fulbright Grant. Although, as we all know, that money will probably just go to pubs and a new laptop. Don't lie - I know how that little scam really works. Juniors, of course, were reminded earlier this year that unless they found an internship for this summer their resume will be worth less than kindling this time next year.

So to the sophomores and freshmen out there, I offer this advice. Enjoy your summer. Get a job at some local ice cream parlor and shirk responsibility for another year. Road trip, read something you won't have to analyze later, sit on a beach for days. Whatever your parents may think, this is a good plan of action. About eight months of your year have just been spent writing papers or studying for exams. What could possibly convince you that sitting in a cubicle for the next three months listening to AM radio and going to lunch with the secretaries is something you should be doing?

Freshman to Senior, consider why you are using your summer months as you are, and make sure it is something worthwhile which you can enjoy. Don't take some drudge job you will hate because you think it will look good on a resume. Do not get caught in the belief that work is all important. Do your work, and take pride in doing it well. But do not let the work consume your free time. Without a bit of respite, how productive can one be? Just as in school, it is important to make sure you have the time to enjoy life. There is a 5 to 9 as well as a 9 to 5.

But today of course, none of this matters. Today is for finally making it to that 9am you haven't been to all semester and toasting your friends on a year well done. Be sure to grab some burgers on the quad, test out the G-road slip-n-slide, and take a nap around 3 p.m. Forget about exams - how hard could they be, anyway? Happy Class and Charter Day!

From One Hill to Another

On behalf of the entire Washington, DC group, I would like to personally thank you guys for reading our column each week on the goings on in D.C. If you enjoyed what you read and want more information about the D.C. program, please email Frank Anechiarico at fanechia@hamilton.edu. Finally, we would like to thank Marty Connor, Pat Hodgens, Ben Noble and Emily Poe for their help with the *Spec*.

Thanks!

Eric Kuhn '09

Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:

because i am not as swift as i used to be, i did not grasp all the statistics and scientific info given by al gore in his talk at hamilton college regarding global warming. yes, i learned a lot, but there were a couple of very important omissions in gore's talk which need to be addressed.

one is that not much was said regarding war and its connection to global warming. the reality is that one cannot be concerned about global warming without being concerned about the endless wars going on on this planet. it is going to cost trillions to save the planet (if we can). war needs to be abolished if the struggle against global warming is going to succeed. one cannot be both an enviornmentalist and a hawk.

the amount of poisons that go into the air and earth and water from all the toxins used in warfare is mind-boggling. an example: i was standing on the roof of a hotel in baghdad one time during the 3 weeks of the shock and awe bombing and in every direction i could see huge plumes of smoke from the oil fires that iraqis started hoping that the smoke would cause the american bombers to fail in their misssion. and some of the smoke was caused by the bombing itself.

anyway, the reality is that there is a group of 6 billion people trying to live on this tiny fragile planet (the only one with water). without cooperation of all people, there will be no succesful solution to global warming unless war is abolished.

THE HOME PLANET, edited by kevin k. kelley with photos of earth from space with philosophical comments by international astronauts is worth a read.

Cynthia Banas

Dear Editor:

In reading the letter from Carl Menges '51 and the replies to it which appeared in your April 13th issue, I was impressed by good thoughts, well expressed.

Even more so, the listing, in that same issue of *The Spectator*, of student awards, fellowships, and honors is perhaps the clearest and best statement of the quality of the people at Hamilton, their achievements and successes, and their excellence. It set forth an impressive and diversified set of accomplishments.

Also, the inclusion of the Director of Admissions in the recent *Chronicle of Higher Education* selection of ten top admissions directors, coupled with the fact that Hamilton will now offer financial support on a needs only basis is further strong testimony to the strength of the college, the students she is attracting, and the quality of her administration, staff, faculty, and current students.

The inability to proceed with the Alexander Hamilton Center and its programming, and Carl's the resignation from the Board are losses for the College. However, despite that a great deal is going right "on the hill" at this time. The quality and excellence of the education offered and the people there are clear.

Sincerely,

Patricia Tolles Smalley
P '53

Go Against the Grain

by Robin Gane-McCalla '07
Insights & Ideas Contributor

As I prepare to leave Hamilton, I think about how the college will change. In high school, I was told to enjoy the social life, but not to take it seriously because after graduation, you realize most of it isn't important. That advice helped me through high school and it applies to college. After graduation, who is friends with whom and who hooked up at the Annex party and thousands of other bits of information about college life will be nearly useless and uninteresting for our post-graduate lives.

Certainly many of our best friends will be from college, but lots of friendships formed during college completely disintegrate afterwards. I would like to leave a lasting impression on Hamilton.

Though I often feel like an outsider, I'd like to think that my radical and original views and my drastically contrasting indifference to some issues and passionate feelings about others will somehow live on after I leave campus. I represent perspectives that are alien to most students here. I'd like to believe that my actions have influenced people, but I don't know how my thoughts have been received. That's the problem with Hamilton; we're all eager to extol our own virtues, but we're hesitant to praise others. We'd like to believe that we're an institution that vastly improves the lives of our students as well as the outside world but often that is just rhetorical fluff used to promote our own interests.

I'm proud that I don't let the thoughts of others alter my behavior and I feel sorry for those that let the thoughts of others control them. Though my criticism of the status quo has earned me a good deal of disagreement and enemies, I have no regrets.

If I could relive college, I'd go against the tide of conformity even more; all of my regrets have been when I conformed when I should have rebelled. I believe college is a place to develop into the person you want to be, not a place to go to find people to imitate. Don't let popularity affect how you think about yourself; the most popular people in schools often don't end up becoming the most successful or happy.

In the first grade, a classmate's grandfather came to class. He span around, pointed his cane at somebody who then had to leave the circle. I managed not to get "out" until there were only two of us left. The grandfather decided the best way to determine who won would be determined by the students. My teacher prevented a formal popularity poll from being conducted, I knew I would have lost; I was against Michael Colono who everybody liked.

I don't feel bad about not being popular in the first grade; what little kids think doesn't matter much, neither does what college students think. I'm about to graduate from Hamilton, I have a bright future ahead of me; I wish I could say the same for Michael.

I could tell you about how he was somewhat mischievous, and that once he intentionally got the teacher mad at him so the rest of the class could arrange a surprise birthday party for her. I could tell you about how he was a father at fifteen and arrested for possession of crack at sixteen, but then I'd have to tell you about the environment he grew up in. I could tell you that later Michael had a decent job, wanted to become a carpenter and was on the right path, but that didn't really matter because he was denied a chance to follow his dreams.

Michael's life was cut short by deliberate violence. He was killed by a wealthy Harvard student. I always knew that life was unfair, but Michael's death brought my cynicism to a new level. We're lead to believe that college is a wonderful place where young people learn to be adults and justice prevails, but in reality there are as many or more problems in college as there are in any other sector of the world.

As I graduate with my classmates and let the underclass-people inherit college culture, I'd like to leave a message. Hamilton is drastically different from the rest of the world. Though college is supposed to be an enlightening experience, in all likelihood you will be surprised and unprepared for much of post-graduate life.

Hamilton is an ivory tower: many students choose to ignore problems outside of Hamilton or completely deny responsibility for them. Globalization is making the world a smaller place; it's in your interest to solve the world's problems before they crash into you.

Don't be afraid to go against the grain. Remember that the vast majority of the world hasn't received the education and privileges you have. Your actions determine the reputation of Hamilton, which determines the value of your degree.

Through intelligence and virtue we can make the entire world as fun and comfortable as Hamilton College.

Putting Yourself Out There: Transitions to College

by Jane Cowles '10
Insights & Ideas Writer

The transition into college is a very commonly discussed subject, but for a good reason. For many, it is one of the first times since kindergarten when you are meeting a brand new group of people, and you are expected to make friends just as quickly as you did at age five. This involves stepping completely out of the comfort zone you have held for so long, and putting yourself out there.

In trying to start new friendships with brand new people, you always run the risk of getting hurt. It is part of the job description. You put yourself out there, sacrifice with a little vulnerability in hopes that someone will pick up the ends you drop, and if no one follows through, what do you do then? You have to move on and try again. It's just how it works.

It's the same feeling that occurs when you go for the guy or girl that you have had your eye on for a while, except repeated over and over again. For some, this process is just too intimidating. Some freshman are so comfortable with the group of friends they have back home that they feel it is not worth the risk to make solid bonds with people at school. Sure they have acquaintances, but until they feel comfortable enough to open up completely to someone at school, they are missing a vital part of their social needs.

As if this wasn't hard enough on its own, many freshmen decide this transition time is a great time to undergo an identity makeover. This adds to the mixture the fact that not only does no one else know what this person is all about, they don't know for sure either.

This creates a vicious cycle. With people in such an uneasy state, they can easily be put on the defensive. No one wants to screw up their chance at a fresh start in college or ruin their prospects for the next four years of their lives. So as hard as it is to begin with to put yourself out there, the fact that everyone else is uneasy about this as well makes it even harder.

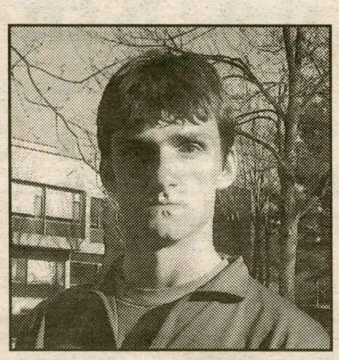
To be honest, it seems like everyone is a little fake at the beginning. It's not until the dust settles from the initial scramble to find friends that you can truly differentiate between those who actually care about you and those that are nice enough, but honestly, are not worth the effort to try and maintain as close friends. Sometimes you'll get lucky and find a group of friends that will last, other times, however, you just have to start over and try again.

Since this process of making friends can be scary or difficult, most colleges provide programs such as Adirondack Adventure to help with this. As a program, I find AA to be a microcosm of college as a whole, except much simpler. It is no coincidence that many of the people that meet on AA are the friends that stick together. Everyone is out of their comfort zone and everyone knows it. At college, on the other hand, people try to hide this fact and pretend like they are completely comfortable in their surroundings, which comes across as being fake. In the small AA groups people feel that there won't be a lot of judgment imposed on them. They realize that everyone else is in exactly the same situation as they are: stuck in the woods with a bunch of strangers and even stranger upperclassmen.

In applying the principles of AA to college, we can learn one important thing: to embrace stepping out of your comfort zones, in order to first grow intrapersonally, and then be capable of making lasting bonds with the people around us.

"Milbank vs. The Point System. Victory: Milbank always wins."

~Ben Lee '07



"My moms."

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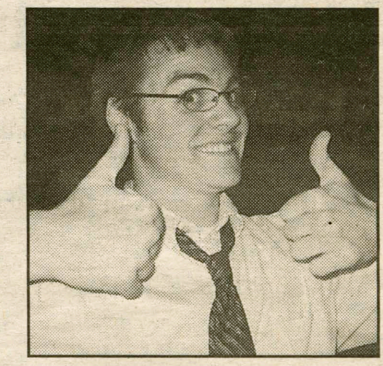


"The Al Ham pig vs. anything that would kill the Al Ham Pig."

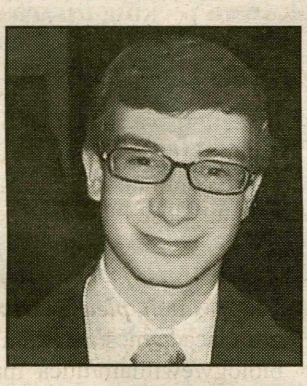
~Steve Allinger '09

Hamilton Unscripted

This week's question:

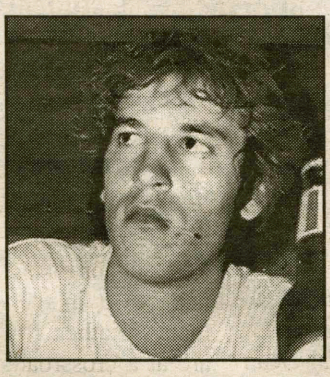
Who would you want to see get in a drunken brawl this Class and Charter Day?

by Melissa Balding '09 & Lauren Moon '09



"Womyn's Center vs. my testicles"

~Stuart Lombardi '09



"Pat Ingalls vs. Professor Williams."

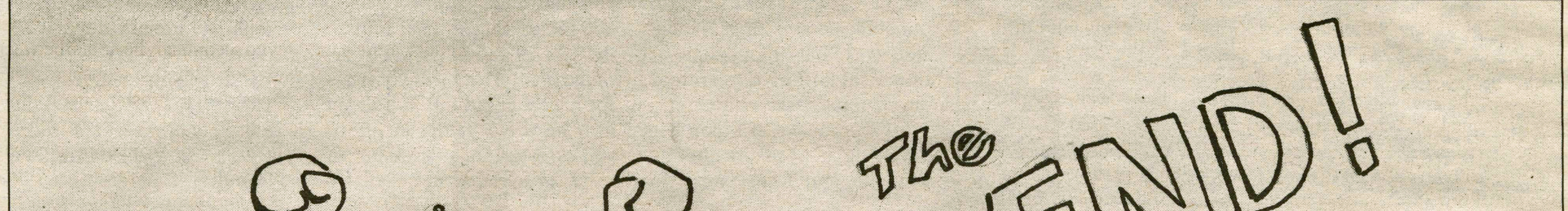
~Tom Klaber '10

"Joan Hinde Stewart vs. Gene Tobin."

~Mike Mortimer '07

"The Mail Center Ladies vs. The Card Swiper Ladies."

~Emily Poe '10



by Matthew Kotlove '09
Staff Cartoonist

Hamilton College Faculty & Students Pitch in at the Annual Utica Marsh Clean Up

By Matthew G. Crowson '09
Science & Technoloy Editor

While we drove up along the driveway to the Utica Marsh early last Saturday morning, I thought that the effort was futile. Along the road lay tattered sofas, tires, rusted car parts and urban garbage aplenty. At first, it was hard to believe that the State Environmental Department managed the marsh as a protected area. It was when I saw the massive turnout for the Utica Marsh Annual Clean Up that I knew how much this little marsh in the city meant to the community.

The primary caretaker of the marsh is the Utica Marsh Council, a non-profit volunteer organization that looks to promote environmental education using the marsh as the classroom. The leaders of the Council are educators from nearby institutions, and one of the long-serving members of the council is our very own Leonard C. Ferguson Professor of Biology, Ernest Williams.

The Council sponsors a "Clean-up Day" in the marsh every spring, where volunteers from the community and schools like SUNYIT, Utica College and Hamilton College come to help clean up the garbage that has settled in the marsh over the winter. This year, the Council reported a record number of volunteers with around 77 pairs of able hands showing up to do their part. The Hamilton College community members who volunteered were Professor of Biology Ernest Williams, Associate Professor of English Onno Oerlemans, Professor of Biology David Gapp, students David Schlifka '09, Louise Roy '10, Diana Di Leonardo '10, Ashley Langer '09, Michael Zesk '08, Bobby Wysocki '07, Emma Stewart '09, and I. Businesses from the community also did their part with various contributions: Wal-Mart contributed some refreshments that were much appreciated after dragging garbage bags full of litter through the marsh, Bob's Auto Parts contributed a truck that came in very handy when we had to dispose some of the larger items found during the clean up, and Waste Management provided the dumpsters.

The marsh is unique in that it is situated literally in the City of Utica, and the location provides a great opportunity for city dwellers to explore what the marsh has to offer. People can go bird watching, canoeing, hiking, fishing or go on an autumn walk to admire the fall colors. While the close proximity to the city is convenient, it also has its downsides. Throughout the clean up, we picked up mostly urban trash and scrap and also saw evidence of vandalism. Picking up the trash was by no means enjoyable, but I was able to pause to sneak a peek at some courting Canadian geese and chase an odd looking, ground-dwelling bird, probably a Rail, through the reeds bordering one of the marshes' biggest ponds.

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Hamilton faculty & students take a break from picking up trash at the Utica Marsh.

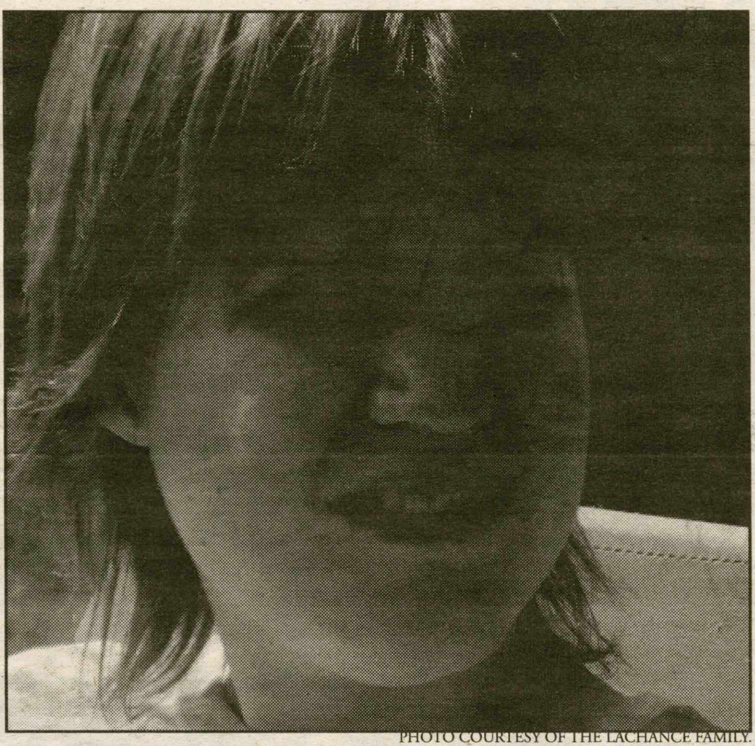
By noon, we were all thoroughly exhausted. It was satisfying to see that the two dumpsters were almost full with tires and bags of trash, but the marsh was still no where near pristine. We barely made a dent in the amount of trash dumped at the marsh. If the Council did not hold an annual clean up, it is not hard to see that this invaluable conservation site would soon become an urban wasteland. If I had to pick something to take away from that experience, it would not be that one could find used feminine products, full mattress sets or distasteful women's underwear in the neighborhood marsh. Rather, I believe that we are at a crossroads as a society. With imminent drastic climate changes exacerbating the need for action, we can either be more mindful of the world around us, or we continue to abuse nature's gifts and lose them for good.

For more information on the Utica Marsh, please visit: http://academics.hamilton.edu/biology/ewilliam/utica_marsh.html.

Grace's Story: The Conclusion of the Series

By Elijah LaChance '10
Science & Technology Editor

For those seeing this series for the first time, this article is the final piece in a succession designed to tell the story of my sister, Grace, in her battle with autism in hopes of relating the difficulties associated with mental disorders. When we left Grace, she was gaining control of her body through an intense physical program and was gradually making more eye contact and engaging in the world around her. Despite this progress, Grace still had not gone further in the realm of verbal communication than babbling. Grace had not spoken a word for almost ten years. The day her silence broke is the greatest day of my life, an experience and a vindication I will carry close to my heart and treasure forever. It was the end of one road and the beginning of another in ways that common cliché cannot express. My family has always enjoyed Christmas music, and Grace began her initial regression around Christmas time. We think that's part of the reason for the specifics of what happened on October 15, 2001.



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Grace at her sixteenth birthday party.

September 11 was just over a month gone by, and the typical routine was firmly back in place in my family's house. After school that Monday, I trudged home through the gradually graying fall foliage and bitter wind to spend my traditional three hours with Grace in her padded room. I stopped at the World Box to leave my cares behind and, as usual, to pray my daily desperate prayer, a hope beyond reason or chance. "Please," I begged, "please let her speak today." I would get so much more.

The day was going fairly well, and I was pleased with the amount of eye contact I was getting, but it was in no way extraordinary until about an hour into the session. As I turned to put something away – I forget what it was – I heard a voice behind me singing the words to an old Christmas hymn my family has always loved. "O come, all ye faithful," I turned around, "joyful and triumphant." I leaped into the air, tears coursing down my face, and squeezed my sister in a blind hug of pure joy. Thankfully, that didn't stop the singing. "O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem." I opened the door and screamed for my parents: "Come quick! Come quick! This is amazing!" My sister continued to sing and a smile came, almost slyly, to her lips. "Come and adore him, born the king of angels. O come, let us adore him. O come, let us adore him. O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord." My parents and two volunteers filed into the room, shocked, mouths open, eyes on fire with happiness. We were all crying tears I wish someone had bottled because the tears were saturated in bliss.

As the verse stopped, we held our breaths. Then, without fanfare, it started again. "Sing, choirs of angels. Sing in exultation. Sing all ye citizens…" Everyone had joined in now, but I could still hear my sister's voice above the others, quiet, gentle, with a slight liquid slurring of the syllables but sweeter than water after a marathon – the only voice not choked by tears. I remember thinking, "Finally, I'm the one who's speechless." My sister's face at that moment is etched into my heart so clearly it will be with me until I die: it is the beacon I spent ten years waiting for, and it lit up the room. Technically, it was 4:00 p.m., but for those of us in that room, it was a whole new day.

Today, my sister is seventeen. The initial rays of sunlight into her formerly dark world have blossomed into a full and gentle sun. The road has been tough and rocky at times, but she has slowly amassed a vocabulary of over four hundred words. Even more wonderfully, she can now communicate through a portable typing device called a Lightwriter she carries with her. If speed is an issue, an aide or a member of my family can support her arm in order to increase her confidence and pace, but she is essentially an independent typist. Grace is also exceptionally smart. She wrote a poem that was 1171 words long in which every pair of prime-numbered lines rhymed. Since she doesn't go back and edit her typing, that means she had the whole poem planned in her head, especially as the last sentence is an anagram of the first.

Grace takes three regular classes per semester at the same high school I attended (she'll graduate with a full diploma in 2011), and she continues to work on verbal, motor, and typing skills with aides who accompany her to and between classes. Although sequences of actions such as brushing her teeth or going to the bathroom are still difficult, we are making progress. In addition to her other classes, Grace is in the chorus. It turns out she has perfect pitch; that is, she always sings a note at precisely the frequency the note should be sung. Her vocabulary in song is much larger than in speech, although she will slur words together so they are sometimes difficult to understand. Grace has made friends at school and says she's the happiest she's ever been. With every day comes the hope of positive change.

At the last chorus concert of my senior year, I was again hoping and praying. Grace had yet to sing in public, and I wanted to see that happen. Our chorus director said the decision would be hers. After a few songs, he would stop temporarily and Grace could join us if she wanted to. That night, I gazed out over the audience, silently begging Grace to come forward. When it seemed almost too late, she slowly rose and walked down the aisle. We stood side-by-side and I remembered back across the years of regression, horror, pain, struggle, and finally of hope. As we sang, "There Can Be Miracles," my eyes filled with tears once again as I remembered the day the dawn finally came.

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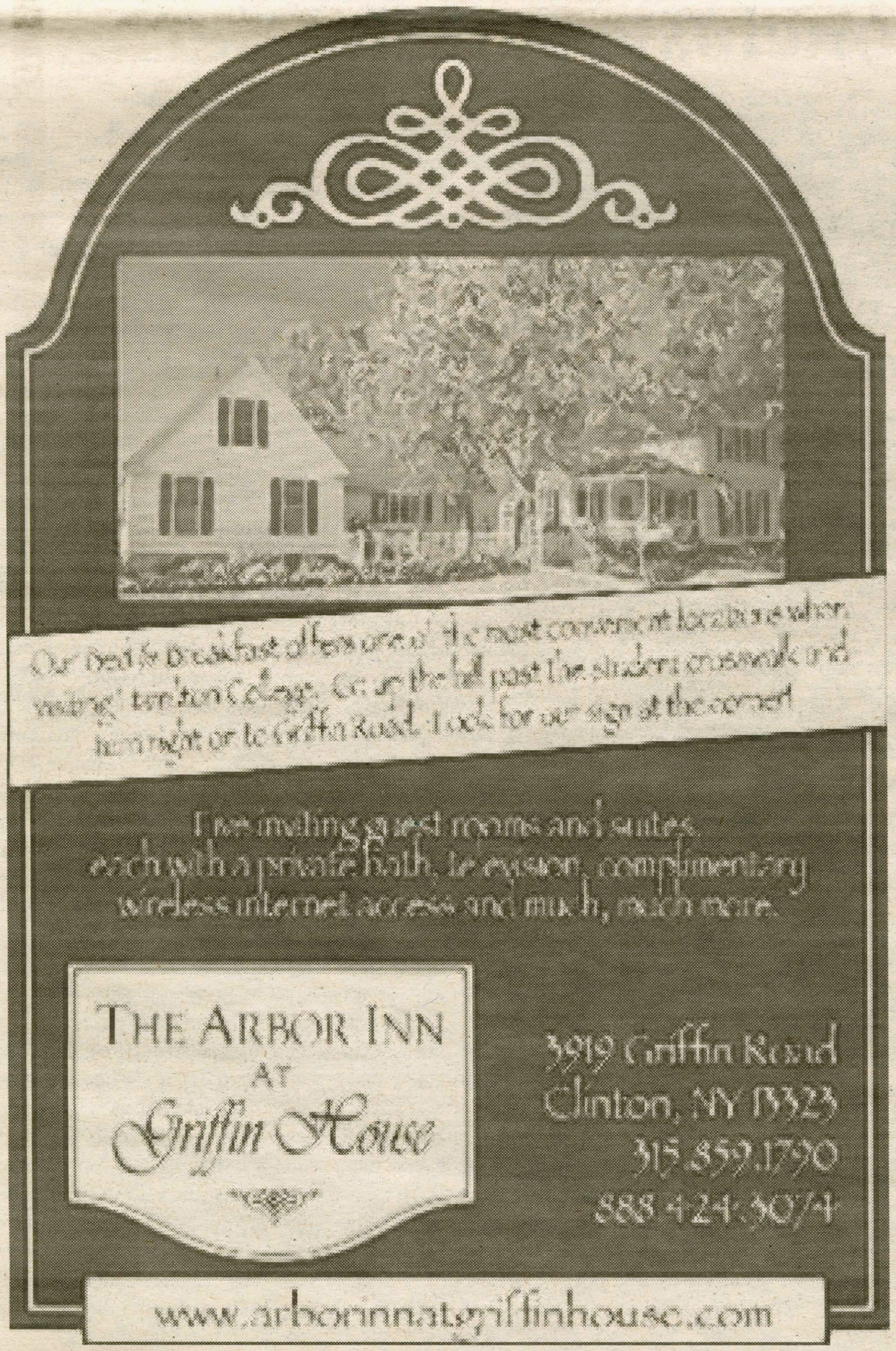

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Voices from Abroad: Lessons I Have Learned in a City that is Big and Small

by Katie Naughton '08
Features Writer

As I'm getting ready to leave Paris, I'm also preparing for my final exams and for the trip that I will soon be taking through Great Britain.

I remember preparing to come here, each day running out to get something else I would need to survive in a place so big. Along with many other things, I remember buying a new pair of sneakers to replace my ratty Converses, two tubes of Tom's of Maine toothpaste, to avoid the fate of normal toothpaste whose chemically bubbly-ness grosses me out, jeans that didn't have holes from dripped acid in the chemistry lab, and more books in English than I could fit in my suitcases.

While I anticipated what I would need, except for the case of my Converses, as pretty much every Parisian under fifty has a pair of their own, I couldn't really prepare myself entirely. The thing about going to places you don't know is you don't know them. It's something I've been realizing with the trips I've had to plan - that I could plan them a lot better after the fact. And so it was with Paris. I feel like I could get a lot more out of it the second time around.

And I could have known what shows and concerts to watch, where to find slam poetry and good jazz, and the best venues for cinema festivals and literary events.

But I will never again have that experience of one of my first nights in Paris. Flashback: it is January, it is cold, and I am standing by myself in a street lit by fairly anonymous store windows and café terraces, on the cusp of realizing that these little stores and cafés on these little streets make up the legend that Paris has become. Things as small as these, and look what has been created from them.

Paris is both huge and tiny. It is huge in that it is the center of pretty much everything French: the culture, the arts, the politics, the economic and the educational system. It is tiny in that France feels distinctly smaller (as it is) than the United States. The presidential elections going on right now have emphasized that fact to me; the candidates start campaigning somewhere around six months before the election, and people can decide to declare their candidacy just up to somewhere around two months.

And this is because you can feasibly visit all the relatively important French cities in a two month period – France has 35 cities with a population over 100,000 while the U.S. has nearly 250. It becomes evident too when they call in the experts on a television documentary or a news story. It seems that everyone knows these people, whether they are a famous priest, an orchestra conductor, or a well-liked professor from the Sciences Po (the political science university). Maybe it's also true that the French keep up better with their public figures, but it certainly seems like there is less to keep up with. In French society, there is a feeling of manageability and cohesiveness. Paris is the undisputed center, and it all proceeds from there.

Paris is also tiny in the way that I was starting to experience my first nights here, and this is the way in which any place which has become somewhat legendary is tiny. This is more a story of a little girl in the big city than of Paris itself. And yet, Paris was the first place I've lived where events of history have happened, where any works of fiction have been set, the first place where the realm of reported events intersected reality, and had a legend to defend.

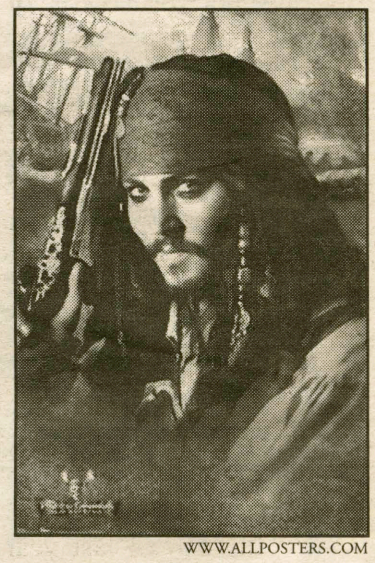
It has been an invaluably important experience for me to realize that, even here, where history is made and where stories are created, life proceeds in a fairly routine way. The patterns are different – ride the metro instead of your car to go to work, buy your groceries from the bakery, the butcher and the fruit merchant instead of from the grocery store, and go to a play or a concert instead of turning on the TV. The basic patterns of work, nourishment, and entertainment are still there. There is no particular magic in it.

I will certainly miss the concerts, the theatre and the overwhelming array of museums when I leave, but I will be returning with the assurance that, for me at least, life is life, Paris or humble Clinton.

Lotions and Potions: *Summer Movie Beauty*

by Elizabeth Kosar '10
Beauty Expert

"School's out for the summer..." As we prepare to leave for our various locations, to pusue internships with high-powered companies, or to slinging fries in the boonies, there is one thing that we'll all have in common this summer: We'll all be seeing movies. This summer promises to be full of awesome films, each inspiring their own beauty identity.



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Pirates of the Caribbean: At World's End-
For Johnny Depp-esque smoky eyes, try a potted gel liner like Bobbi Brown's. Draw a thin line as close to the lash line as possible and then smudge with a q-tip. Repeat until desired smokiness is achieved.

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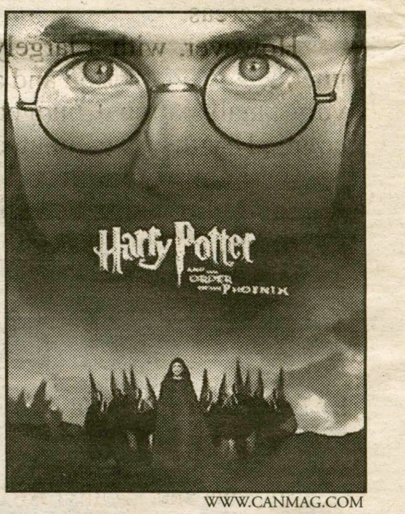
Shrek the Third-
Um...so I'm not advocating green skin, but if you have amazingly vibrant colored hair like Princess Fiona's you're going to want to protect it. I suggest mixing conditioner with water in a spray bottle and spraying it on your hair when you're chilling in the sun. The moisture helps protect color.


Harry Potter
and the Order of the Phoenix

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Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix-
Rock the wizard vibe with a shimmery body lotion. If you glow, tell people it's your magic powers and see how long it takes them to catch on that you're full of B.S. If it takes longer than a minute, walk away slowly and don't make any sudden movements.

And on that note, everybody enjoy your summer. I'll be spending mine as a camp counselor in Minnesota listening to 11 year-olds whine about JoJo and their pseudo-relationships. Lovely.

What's Cookin' in the Co-op: Woollcott Favorites!

by Laura Hartz '10
Features Contributor

BETH'S SESAME NOODLES

1 lb of your choice of pasta: linguine, bowties, campanelle, spirals, etc
1 red pepper, chopped
1 green pepper, chopped
1 cup broccoli florets (steamed and chilled imediately)
hot peppers or hot pepper flakes (to taste)
1 heaping tablespoon minced garlic
1 heaping tablespoon minced ginger
1/3 cup tamari or soy sauce
6 tablespoons brown sugar
1/3 cup sesame oil
hot sesame oil (to taste)
¼ cup black sesame seeds or toasted white sesame seeds

1. Cook pasta to al dente, immediately rinse in cold water.
2. Mix garlic, ginger, tamari, brown sugar, sesame oil, and hot pepper. Toss with pasta and vegetables.
3. Adjust spiciness to taste.
4. Add sesame seeds.
5. Serve at room temperature.

LOTS OF PROTEIN AND GRAIN BREAD

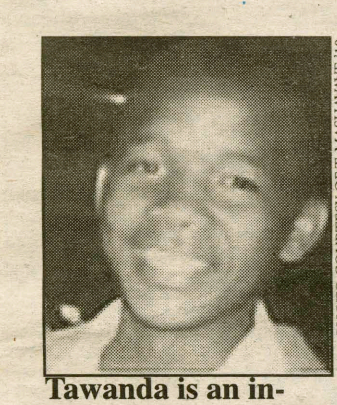
2 ½ cups water
½ cup oats
½ cup of another grain (cornmeal, rye flakes, mixed grain cereal, etc.)
¼ cup ground flax seed
¼ cup wheat germ
2 tablespoons butter
1/4 cup dry milk or soy flour
¼ cup sesame seeds
2 tablespoons honey
1 tablespoon yeast
1 tablespoon salt
3 cups whole wheat flour
3-4 cups white flour
1 egg white, a little water
seeds for the top

1. Cook the grains and oats in the water until tender
2. Remove from heat and cool to room temperature, stirring the seeds, wheat germ, dry milk or soy flour, honey, and butter to cool.
3. When the mixture is pleasantly warm, stir in the yeast. Add enough of the whole wheat flour to form a thick batter. Beat with a wooden spoon 100 times, always stirring in one direction, forming gluten (wheat-water proteins, those long strands that make the batter thicker and stringy looking.)
4. Add in the salt. Add in the rest of the whole wheat flour and some of the white flour, forming a stiff dough. Knead for 10 minutes, adding in more flour as you go, until the dough no longer sticks to the counter.
5. Once the dough has enough flour and is very elastic, form it into a big ball, and put it in a bowl that has been oiled. Cover with plastic wrap, a plate, or a wet towel, and set it to rise in a cozy place (we put ours next to the stove top or in a big drawer next to the dishwasher) for 45 minutes, or until the dough has doubled in size.
6. Sink your hand in the middle of the dough, remove it from the bowl and shape into whatever shape you like (rolls, long loaves, braids, traditional rectangular loaves for bread pans, big circles, etc.) Make sure you either grease the loaf pans well with butter or spread a thin layer of cornmeal on the bottom of the pan, so the bread doesn't stick.
7. Beat the egg white with water, spread over the top of the bread and prinkle with poppy seeds, sesame seeds, or oats. Let the bread rest for 30 minutes.
8. Preheat your oven to 450°. Pop the loaves in, bake for 20 minutes, then reduce the heat to 350° for another 20 minutes or more. Smaller loaves with more surface area will be quicker to bake than bigger loaves with less surface area (to volume). It is done when you knock on the bottom of the loaves and you hear a hollow sound.

"What's Cookin' in the Co-op" is a weekly collection of yummy concotions from the kitchen at Woollcott House. Try 'em our in your common room kitchen or impress Mom and Dad over break! Many thanks to the co-op members for sharing their culinary creativity! Have a tasty summer!

From Where I Sit: Is Africa's First Female President Blazing a Trail?

by Tawanda Mashavave '10
Features Contributor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Tawanda is an international student from Zimbabwe.

At the end of last year, Liberia was celebrating when it made history as the first African nation to elect a woman as president. Dr Elise Sirleaf-Johnson, an ex-World Bank economist with a Harvard degree, gave a lot of hope to the country, which has undergone 14 years of violent conflict under ex-president Charles Taylor's mandate. She has made great improvements in lighting up poor rural areas, which had never seen electricity before, and getting clean running water to villages in remote areas.

However, with a largely uneducated population and a very small national budget, coupled with an estimated 85% unemployment rate and a traditionally corrupt government, the task before Sirleaf-Johnson seems insurmountable.

It is at this point that I start to get worried. Even though the country is severely constrained by lack of resources, there are bound to be some conservatives who will point to her gender when they seek a root to the slow progress in the country. African cultures can hardly be called liberal by western standards, and unfortunately, our conservative nature sees women as belonging in the home and as submissive to the husband. This is why when women foray into big business and especially politics, the results have been less than satisfactory.

Indeed several women have aspired to get to the helm of government, with a handful having run for president or made efforts at such a move. Dr Vera Chirwa tried to run for the presidency of Malawi, losing to Bingu WaMutharika in 2004. She might have been right in proposing that Africa needs women leaders if we Africans are going to get out of our vicious cycles of civil wars and conflicts, because women see soldiers as their children and are more reluctant to engage in bloody life-costing conflicts. Nevertheless, Malawians felt more secure with a male president.

The former vice-president of Uganda, Specioza Kazibwe, resigned in 2003, a few months following her separation from her husband, who was allegedly beating her. This might have resulted from a feeling of insecurity on the part of the husband due to the disequilibrium of power in the house. But, it could also have been that the beating of a wife is traditionally considered disciplinary action in most African cultures, and therefore not unexpected. Maybe Kazibwe's case only surfaced because she was a high profile figure.

I am not too optimistic about seeing many more democratically elected female heads of state in Africa countries. Dr Sirleaf-Johnson is holding a very important torch, and one that could easily burn out. I hope she is instrumental in deconstructing the male-dominated cultural African values. With three current female vice-presidents in Zimbabwe, South Africa and The Gambia, we can hope that African societies in the next decades will begin to see women as equals. Another positive step has also been the formation of several organizations that advocate for gender equality. Maybe eliminating polygamy would be a big step forward, but that's a different issue.

The Online Shopper: *Summer Essentials*

by Brittany Albert '10
Features Writer

Enjoy your summer with these bright essentials!

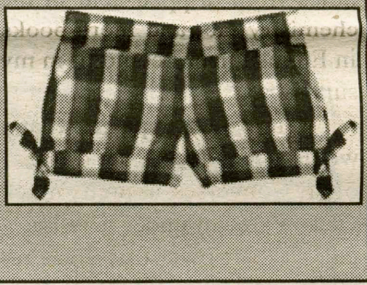
AKA New York, Printed Empire Dress, $297.00, shopbop.com

AE 5-Pocket Denim Mini $39.50, ae.com

Gingham Jellies, $16.80, forever21.com

Isaac Mizrahi for Target Satchel in White/ Orange, $24.99, target.com

Red checkered tie shorts $36.00, fredflare.com



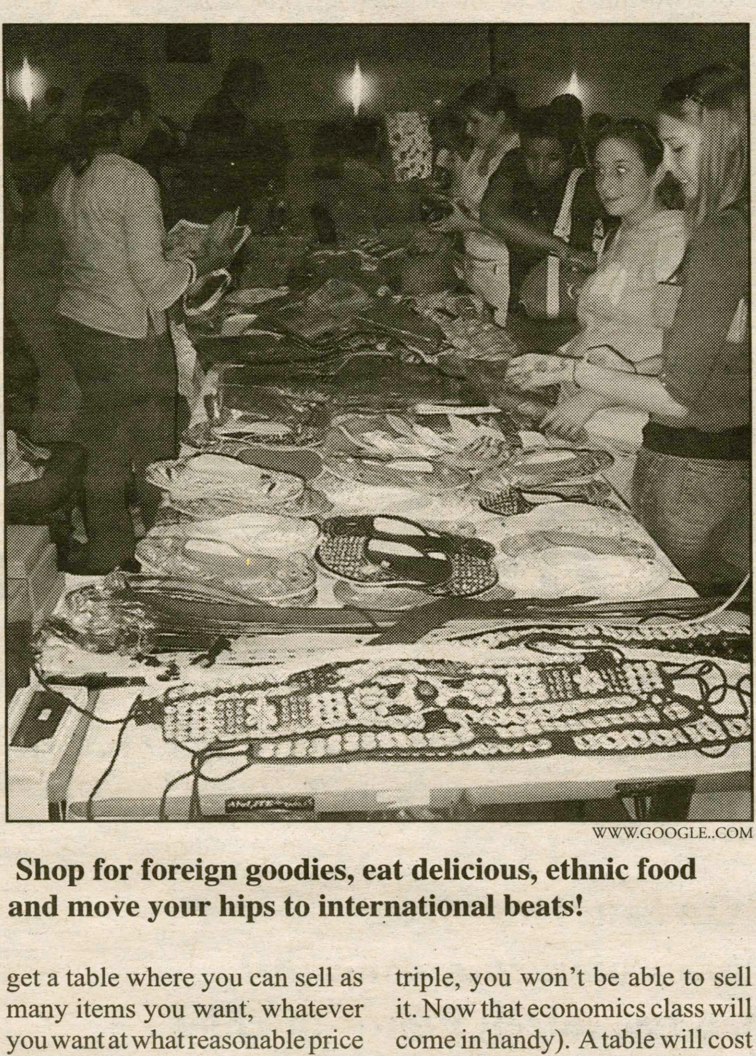
Spread the word, Hamilton: International Bazaar!

by Bianca Dragan '10
Features Editor

Students and Faculty! ARE YOU GOING ABROAD THIS SUMMER? ARE YOU LEAVING U.S. TO GO BACK HOME? THEN WE WANT YOU!

Help Hamilton create a worldwide experience during the Alumni weekend! We're bringing food and music from all over the world, you bring chic earrings or shiny bracelets, t-shirts, purses, figurines, flags or anything you could think of from different countries!

How can you help? Spread the word! If home means a different country, bring back with you items which are representative of your country. If you're going abroad just to visit, bring something back that you think is unique. If you're staying in the US but know people that are going abroad this summer, ask them to please bring something back for the international bazaar or just bring some US representative stuff yourself! It can be anything that you think you can sell to the Hamilton community! In the fall, all you will need to do is to get a table where you can sell as many items you want, whatever you want at what reasonable price you set (Just think, if you charge triple, you won't be able to sell it. Now that economics class will come in handy). A table will cost around $25 and the money will go to the Underground cafe in Uttica, to help funding their projects as a youth center. Keep in mind, the more tables we have, the less we plan to charge per table. You can keep the profits or you can donate a certain percentage to the Underground cafe.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Shop for foreign goodies, eat delicious, ethnic food and move your hips to international beats!

Admit it, shopping at the mall started to seem a little bit boring. Target or H&M may be great to buy mass-produced items, but when you want something with that head-turning allure of one-of-a-kind piece, the mall is not the right place.

Let's enjoy a nice day outside, with delicious, international food, listen to different, international music, shop for chic, international bargains and help Uttica's community youth center!

Go abroad, shop, and bring back in the fall souvenirs for the Hamilton community! You know you like to shop for cultural, foreign bargains, you enjoy ethnic food and your hips don't lie when you hear the beat of music, so be persuasive with your foreign friends!

Let's make it big! *Spread the word!*

What is the Underground cafe?

The Underground Cafe is a student-run coffee shop, art space, and civic engagement center in the Cornhill section of Utica, NY. It hosts youth-initiated and organized activities such as art exhibits, leadership courses, open mic nights, break dancing lessons, homework help, jazz concerts, social change workshops and panel discussions. Believing in the power of youth voice, the Underground Café endeavors to transform the experiences and perceptions of teens in Utica by creating venues for leadership, civic engagement, and creative expression (http://www.theundergroundcafe.org/).

Do you want more details? Are you wondering what to bring? Shoot me an email at adragan.

PLAYLIST: GLAM AND FALSETTOS

by Nicole T. Dietsche '09
Arts & Entertainment Editor

These guys are possibly the most fashionable men of glam rock and have some pretty fantastic falsettos.

1. *Grace Kelly* by Mika – The man has a vocal range of five octaves. He also makes references to the actress Grace Kelly and Queen's frontman Freddie Mercury. In the acoustic recording of this song, Mika used Freddie Mercury's piano which is worth about two million dollars.

2. *Bohemian Rhapsody* by Queen - Freddie Mercury is possibly the king of the falsetto. This song came on in the Jitney and someone had genuinely never heard it before. Preposterous. One of the classics of rock. Brian May, the guitarist of Queen, helped create the music "We Will Rock You," which recently premiered in Canada.

3. *Ziggy Stardust* by David Bowie - Androgynous, yes. Glam-erific? Most definitely. David Bowie has alawys been ahead of his time, and made glam popular in the 70s.

4. "Sweet Transvestite" from *The Rocky Horror Picture Show* - This movie was heavily influenced by the glam rock movement. "The Time Warp" was a close second, but this song may have a little more glam factor.

5. *I've Seen All Good People* by Yes - Potentially a little more prog-rock than glam-rock, Yes was big in the 70s, and drew some influence from the glam-rock movement. They have a lot of orchestra in their albums, and even the whistle, and there is definitely a falsetto here and there.

6. *Fun, Fun, Fun* by The Beach Boys - Did you know that only one of the Beach Boys could actually surf? Fun facts to know the next time you're discussing the Beach Boys. I know that's a frequent occurrence. Beach-y music with just enough falsetto to be fun.

7. *Creeps Me* Out by Ima Robot - More glam than falsetto, but this is a fantastic song. The video is a giant game of musical chairs and the lyrics are pretty fantstic: "Your love/ it creeps me out."

8. *Mama's Room* by Under the Influence of Giants - Redefining glam rock. They have the long shaggy hair, the tight pants, colorful shirts and scarves, and androgynous faces. Pair that with the mezzo-soprano to soprano vocal range of the lead singer and you would think that you were back in the 70s.

9. *Love Today* by Mika - Maybe it's his physical and vocal simliarity to Freddie Mercury that gets me, but he's pretty awesome. This song was used in a Target commercial and the video reminds me of a 70s or 80s workout video.

10. *Sweetest Goodbye* by Maroon 5 - Their unique jazz/funk/rock/mellow combination works well, but Adam Levine, the lead singer, has a voice that is definitely in the upper ranges of a male voice. The band has a new album coming out in late May called "It Won't Be Soon Before Long."

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Weekly Charts

by Nicole T. Dietsche '09
Arts & Entertainment Editor

MUSIC

(From iTunes)

Top Albums

1. Soko Not Sokute EP- Soko
2. Favourite Worst Nightmare - Arctic Monkeys
3. And He Just Pointed to the Sky - Peder
4. Call Me Irresponsible - Michael Buble
5. Back to Black - Amy Winehouse

Top Songs

1. I'll Kill Her -Soko
2. Give It to Me - Timbaland
3. Brianstorm - Arctic Monkeys
4. 10,000 Nights of Thunder - Alphabeat
5. Bounce - Timbaland

MOVIES

(Yahoo! Box Office Charts)

1. Disturbia
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3. Next
4. Fracture
5. Blades of Glory
6. Hot Fuzz
7. Meet the Robinsons
8. Vacancy
9. The Condemned
10. Are We Done Yet?

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(From The New York Times Best Seller List)

Paperback Fiction

1. THE ROAD, by Cormac McCarthy
2. HOT STUFF, by Janet Evanovich and Leanne Banks
3. TWO LITTLE GIRLS IN BLUE, by Mary Higgins Clark
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5. GONE, by Jonathan Kellerman

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2. THE GLASS CASTLE, by Jeannette Walls
3. EAT, PRAY, LOVE, by Elizabeth Gilbert
4. BLINK, by Malcolm Gladwell
5. THE YEAR OF MAGICAL THINKING, by Joan Didion

Is Fall Out Boy Worth the Hype?

by Nicole T. Dietsche '09
Arts & Entertainment Editor

A lot of people have mixed feellings about Fall Out Boy. When the Chicago band released their major label album, *From Under the Cork Tree*, in 2005, magazine articles started popping up all over the place about how Fall Out Boy was destroying music.

Their distinct sugar-infected guitar hooks and teenage-angsty lyrics provided for a strong fan base of teenage girls, immediately labeling the band as a force to be reckoned with, but not necessarily a positive one.

While the lead singer, Patrick Stump, may be the one with the amazing voice, he adamantly denies that he is a front-man. That job falls to bassist Pete Wentz, the man providing the bad-boy eye-candy for the band. Doubtless, you've heard of how Wentz's Sidekick was hacked into and numerous pictures of his 'naughty bits' were leaked onto the Internet. This publicity wasn't the best for the band who released their third album, *Infinity On High*, earlier this year.

Platinum-selling *Infinity on High,* whose first song is introduced by none other than rap mogul Jay-Z (who made the band honorary members of his Roc-A-Fella family), is true-to-form Fall Out Boy sound, with a slight sway toward hip-hop and R&B sounds. The first single off the album, "This Ain't a Scene, It's an Arms Race," reportedly is about Wentz's frustration with the ever-growing 'emo' scene. The single reached number one of the U.S. Pop 100 chart, and the second single, "The Carpal Tunnel of Love" reached number eighty-one onon the U.S. Hot 100 chart through digital sales alone. Their most recent single off *Infinity High* is "Thnks fr th Mmrs,." The title is reminiscent of a break-up text message. The title actually is "Thanks for the Memories" with all the vowels removed, as per the wish of record-label executives who wanted to distinguish the album from *From Under the Cork Tree*, which had very long song titles. The video is 'directed' by chimpanzees and features Wentz going berserk after losing a girl to the director.

The band is not just affecting the music world with their music, but by introducing new bands into the music realm as well. Wentz, who founded imprint label Decaydance on the band's label, Fueled by Ramen, discovered Panic! at the Disco. Stump is heavily invested in hip-hop band Gym Class Heroes, producing the band's album *As Cruel as School Children* and being featured on two of their songs, "Clothes Off" and "Cupid's Chokehold."

Besides Decaydance, Wentz also has his own clothing line, Clandestine Industries, and has written a book, *The Boy With the Thorn in His Side*, based off nightmares he had as a child and titled after song by The Smiths. He is currently co-writing a book with William Beckett, the lead singer of The Academy Is….

Fall Out Boy, while not everyone agrees with them, is definitely a band that will be around for a while. The hype surrounding the band is real when it comes to the impact they are making on the music scene by introducing hit songs as well as grooming younger bands of different genres to follow in their footsteps. The members of the band, Wentz in particular, are making their fame work for them in order to branch out into other industries, just as rap moguls before them have.

Fall Out Boy will be headlining the Honda Civic Tour with supporting bands The Academy Is…, Paul Wall, Cobra Starship, and +44. The tour kicks off May 11 in Denver, Colorado.

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Fall Out Boy -- (from left to right) Pete Wentz, Andy Hurley, Joe Trohman and Patrick Stump -- is branching out to more than just music.

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Men's Lacrosse Ends Season With Senior Day Win

by Ezra Rosenberg '10
Sports Writer

As the season came to a close last Saturday, the Men's Lacrosse Team appears to have finally gotten what the coaches have been teaching and are really understanding the system as shown by their impressive win.

The Continentals hosted Vassar College at home on Senior Day. The result was an impressive 16-4 blowout over the visiting Brewers.

Hamilton wanted to continue to build on its recent success and scoring ability in its final game of the season and the final game for the Seniors on Campus Road Athletic Field. The victory capped off the season for Hamilton with three wins out of their previous four games, a positive note to end on for next season.

The team definitely appeared fired up to go out with a win and continue their recent momentum. Hamilton shot well early, putting in three goals in the first quarter. The first three goals all came from the sticks of seniors. Travis Modic put Hamilton on the board 2:57 into the first period. Clark Winter doubled the lead with his only goal of the game and his team-high twentieth of the season. The third goal was the first of the season for Pat Hooper.

After his first goal, Winter settled down into an assisting role, divvying out a game-high six assists. Winter's performance along with his career high eight points on four goals and four assists against Union earned him Liberty League Player of the Week honors. This was a fitting send off for the high-scoring senior captain.

Hamilton sped up the goal scoring pace and their overall dominance on the game with seven goals in the second period. Going into half time, Hamilton led 10-0 over Vassar. Vassar was in disarray, having attempted only nine shots to Hamilton's 23. Captain Ethan Shoemaker '07 was only forced to make two saves before exiting with the win in hand a minute before half time.

The second half was entirely in Hamilton's favor even as the Continentals began to utilize some of their players off the bench. David Pasternak '08 led Hamilton in goals with three and Winter was the game's leader in points.

Hamilton managed to dominate the game by capitalizing on their scoring opportunities, which had plagued them early in the season. Chris Schimpf '07 took care of the face-offs, winning 10-13 to dominate possession. The Continentals also won the groundball battle decisively, 45-28.

This season saw such a steady improvement from the team that at one point the score was 2-10 overall. The Continentals opened up league play 0-4 but came on strong at the end with two Liberty League victories despite being out of playoff contention.

The team struggled for a long portion of the season, becoming accustomed to new Head Coach Scott Barnard's offensive system. The defense played strong for the majority of the games and finished fourth in the league with 28 turnovers caused. Other important improvements late in the season during the team's run of three wins out of their final four games were face-offs. Marc Albu '08 became a strong performer, especially against Union, when he won 11-17 and 6-7 face-offs in the fourth quarter at Union. Lastly, the team became better at successful clears and fast breaks to maintain possession, but also generated scoring opportunities.

Coach Barnard said that to finish with three wins out of the final four games would be a great note to end on this season. The Continentals succeeded in that goal. This finish will hopefully carry over momentum into the beginning of next season for the returning players and translatie into more wins for the team.

Winter also led the team with 23 assists, which averaged to 1.64 per game and put him in fourth in the Liberty League. His 43 total points was also fourth overall in the league. Justin Williams '10 was third in the Liberty League in man up goals with seven and second in points for Hamilton. Williams will have an increased role in the offense next season with the departure of Winter.

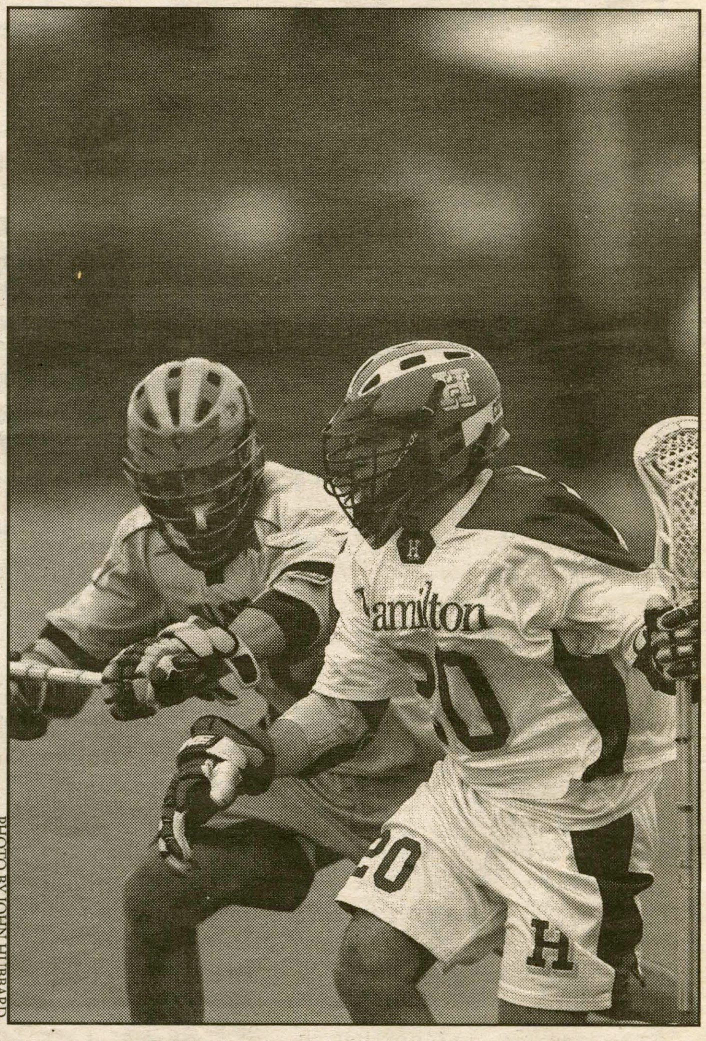
PHOTO BY JOHN HUBBARD

Mike Daley '07 has led the team this year as co-Captain.

Men's Golf Shines in Win

by Nick Rockwell '08
Senior Sports Editor

The Hamilton Men's Golf Team wrapped up their successful spring 2007 campaign with a first place showing at the Oswego State Spring Golf Invitational, held at Oswego Country Club. The tournament was held last weekend and included traditionally talented schools Oswego and RPI.

Kevin Osborne '09 not only paced the Continentals, but also the entire field. Osborne finished first overall, firing a 6 over par 148 (75-73) for the two rounds played. Dan Treichler '08 finished second overall, shooting a 154 (78-76). As a team, Hamilton's six competitors fired a combined 625, good enough to hold off a talented squad from Oswego (638), who came in second.

Although the golf season has been slowed by the unseasonably cool spring, Hamilton golfers have found a way to keep their game sharp. Last weekend's tournament in Oswego was the third occasion where the Continentals finished first. Over spring break, Hamilton defeated Williams at the PGA Golf Club-Wanamaker in Port St. Lucie, Florida. Although, the match was only between the two NESCAC rivals, Hamilton showed the Ephs some firepower down South.

Thanks to this senior-laden roster, Hamilton golf has enjoyed considerable success this year. The team is led by seniors Dan Griffith, Blake McLennan, Chris Pike and Brendan Sullivan. However, there is a bright future for the team as well: top players Osborne, Treichler, Corbett all return next year. Additionally, Mike Hayes '08 will return to the team for his senior season. Hayes has spent the spring term abroad. There is a promising future for the team, and with the weather finally turning warm, they will have plenty of time to practice for next fall.

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Despite bad weather, the team came out swinging.

Future is Bright for Tennis

by Maura Donovan '09
Sports Writer

The Women's Tennis Team finished up their spring season with back to back NESCAC competitions at home. The first opponent was Colby College on April 21, and the team played Bowdoin the next day. The Continentals lost both games against the Maine teams, but they still had great individual matches. The team finished the season with a 1-12 record as Hamilton had not won a game since it won against Simpson College during their training trip in Florida.

Colby was good competition for Hamilton and each set led to long and grueling fights to the finish. Even though Hamilton has top notch players at the one and two singles spots, Colby had experienced seniors who beat both Laura Brantley '10 and Emily Poe '10. However, the Continentals proved to have impressive depth. Ashley Pardoe '09 moved quickly as she won both sets 6-3, 6-3.

Next up was Elizabeth Goheen '09 at the fifth slot. Goheen had a closer match with the Colby player and had to outwit her in a tiebreaker; having won the first set 6-3, she had the confidence she needed to get ten points compared to her opponent's seven points.

Elizabeth McDonald '09 paired up with Mary Wilder '10 to take home Hamilton's only doubles win. This was the fourth time this combination won during the spring season. Even though the Continentals won four matches, the wins were not enough for the team to defeat Colby's top tennis competitors.

Coming into the weekend, the team knew Bowdoin was going to be tough. The Polar Bears were ranked sixth in the nation and are contenders for the NESCAC title. However, the women had high hopes since they played on their own courts. At the end of the day, the lone Continental winner was McDonald. After losing her first set, McDonald fought back against her Bowdoin opponent to win the final two sets. The 2-6, 6-3, 6-3 scores gave McDonald her first singles NESCAC win and her second singles win of the spring season. Even with this valiant performance, the Continentals were not able to stack up against Bowdoin's elite players.

Hamilton may have had a tough spring season, but hopes and spirits are not down. The Continental's top two singles players, Kara Powers '08 and Marni Powers '08, are both abroad this semester but should make a great comeback next year. Luckily, the team is only losing one senior, Brittany Horn '07. Horn may have been only one player, but her leadership and determination made her a great role model and captain for the team. Goheen said that Horn was "a great asset to the team. She helped build team unity despite a rough season, and we will all really miss her next year." Brittany Horn received three varsity letters and 28 singles victories during her time at Hamilton and made great contributions as captain of the team.

SPORTS

Softball Ends Season With Two Wins For First Sweep of Year

by Brandon Leibsohn '10
Sports Editor

The Women's Softball Team ended its season this week in a winning fashion. On May 2, the team played two games against St. Lawrence University and came away with two wins, doubling its win total for the season. The Continentals were able to capture their first sweep of the year.

Megan Coughlin '09 was tremendous in the first game as she took charge on the mound and pitched a six-hit shutout. Not only was she stellar on the mound, but she was also instrumental in achieving the win with a 3-for-3 batting performance. The Continentals won the first game 8-0 in five innings. The mercy rule ended the game after the top of the fifth inning. The team tied its season best scoring mark with eight runs after Ashley White '09 and Kate Riester '09 scored two runs apiece.

The second game of the double header was very similar to the first. Hamilton saw a fantastic pitching performance from Erin Hoener '10. She only allowed one runner to score during seven innings. She had great command from the mound as she collected three strikeouts and no walks. Coughlin continued her success at the plate when she drove in a run in the 4-1 win. She was one of Hamilton's most consistent batters as she led the team in batting and had 10 doubles during the season.

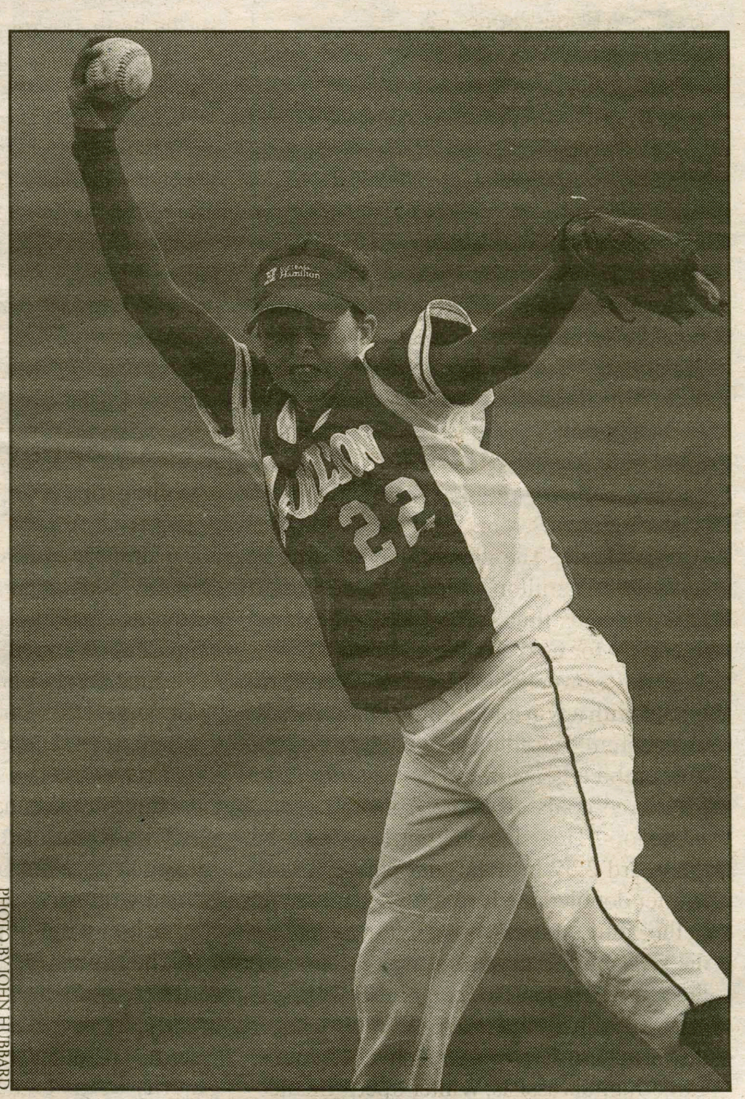
The game was very close until the bottom of the third, as neither team had surrendered a hit. Rachel Rapoza '10 changed that when she got a single and eventually scored off of a base hit by Amber O'Connor '09. After the Continentals took the early lead, St. Lawrence came back to even the score at one all in the fourth inning.

The game turned in Hamilton's favor later that inning when the team capitalized on the inconsistency of the opposing pitcher. The winning run came on a walk with the bases loaded. In the fifth inning, Hamilton made sure that they were going to win the game as they capitalized on an error and scored two insurance runs. Jen Sadowsky '08 got a hit that extended her hitting streak to nine games.

Although the Continentals were only able to win four games this season, there are still many accomplishments to applaud. At the end of the season, the team was able to score runs and take advantage of their opponent's mistakes. O'Connor continued her success from last season as she led the team in runs scored and was at the top of almost all of the team's batting statistics. Coughlin and Sadowsky were also great this season, leading the team in runs batted in.

Next season will be a true test for the team as it looks to rebound and ensure a winning season. The Continentals graduate only one player this year, Jane Minehan '07. The team will be able to continue rebuilding.

Pitching improved as the season went along. Coughlin and Hoener will team up next year to try and create a stellar one-two punch. Experience should create more confidence and exposure for the team. If the team can to capitalize on mistakes like they did in the last two games of the season, then this team should be in great shape to bring the softball team back with its first winning season in 12 years.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Hoener '10 strikes out three in seven innings of work.

Crew Teams Look to Continue Success at Championships

by Brandon Leibsohn '10
Sports Editor

The Men's Crew Team took home first place in their race at the Mohawk River on April 24 and they were able to win the Gilman Cup. This race marked a tremendous accomplishment for the Continentals because they were able to finish the course in 7:59.6. Strong winds made the finishing time slower than most other races, but Hamilton was able to win in decisive fashion, a full 14 seconds ahead of Union College.

In the other race held that day, the Continentals won the Gilman Bowl for its first-place finish in the novice four after finishing the race with a time of 9:47.5. This team also won easily against Union by 9.1 seconds.

Last Saturday, Hamilton competed in the Liberty League Championships that were held at the St. Lawrence River. The Continentals placed third in the varsity eight race losing only to Hobart and Union College. The conditions for racing aided Hamilton in its quest for a top finish, as there was a strong tail current. Hamilton finished with a time of 5:49.37 on the 2,000-meter course.

This weekend the crew team will head to Whitney Point, NY, for the New York State Championships. The team will look to use its recent success as motivation for what the team can accomplish in the remaining two races. After the New York State Championships, the crew team will row in the ECAC Championships on May 12 in Worcester, MA.

The Women's Crew Team also enjoyed success against Union College in the varsity eight race on April 24. They finished in first place and captured the Gilman Plate as its reward. The weather conditions were not very conducive to fast times, but the Continentals were able to get past the strong winds to finish the course with a time of 9:23.2. The difference in finishing times between Hamilton and Union was 4.5 seconds. After winning at Union, the varsity eight team received a number four ranking in the Division III New York region.

The Continentals also won the novice eight race by 47 seconds over Union. Winning this race allowed Hamilton to bring home the Gilman Goblet. This team was led by all freshman members, making it an even more impressive victory for Hamilton.

After enjoying success against Union, the Continentals went into the Liberty League Championships on April 28 with a lot of confidence. The varsity four team won first place in its race with a time of 6:50.89. Weather played a role in the victory as strong winds aided Hamilton as the Continentals won by almost 14 seconds over the second place team. The team was made up of three upperclassman, Kate Brandli '07, Kate Pallin '07, and Catrin Jones '08, with Lizzie Collins '10 taking the last spot in the bow seat. In the novice eight race, the Continentals finished in second place to St. Lawrence College with a time of 6:29.37.

The New York State Championships are up on tap for the crew team this weekend. The Continentals will travel to Whitney Point, NY to compete in the races. Following this weekend's races, the crew team will head off for the ECAC Championships on May 12 in Worcester, MA. With the recent success of the crew team, it is not out of the question to expect the team to come out on top during the championship events.

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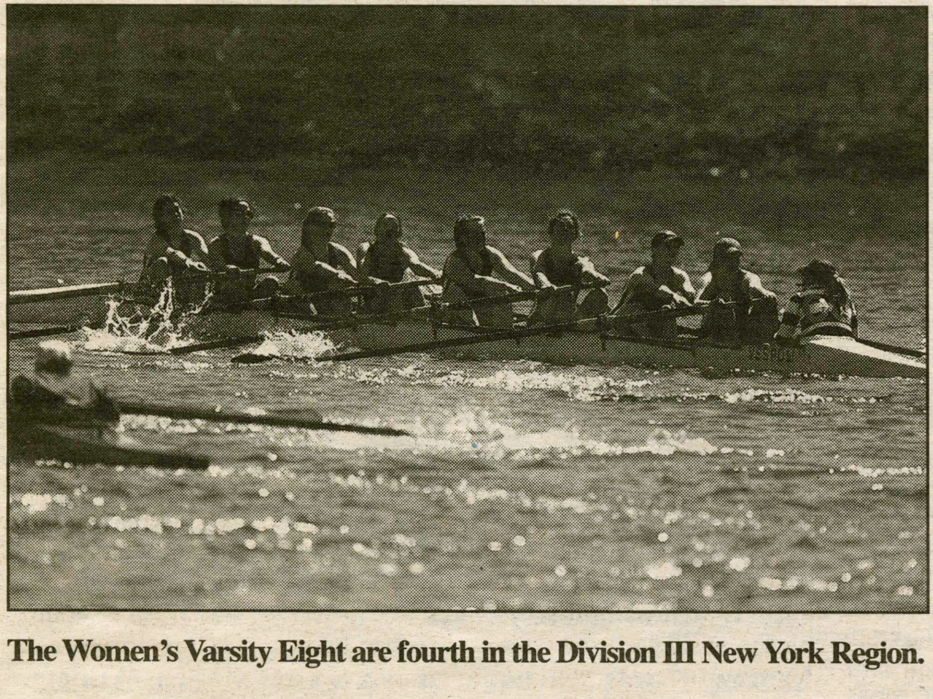
The Men's Varsity Eight placed first to win the Gilman Cup.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The Women's Varsity Eight are fourth in the Division III New York Region.

Athletes Honored for Academic Achievements

by Jim Taylor
Sports Information Director

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Hamilton College's Student-Athlete Academic award winners gatherd in The Hub to be honored for their work.

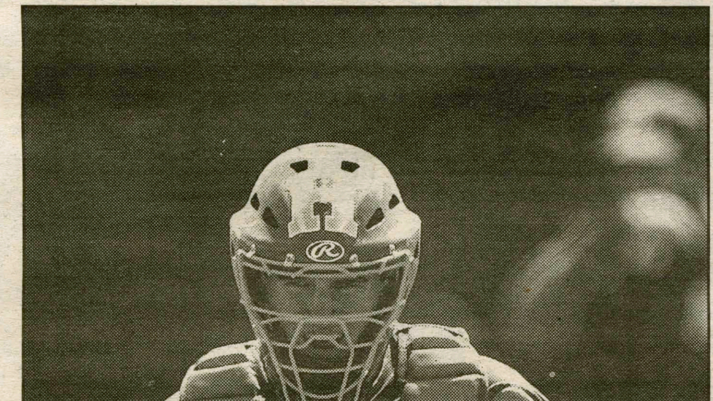
Hundreds of events around the nation marked April 6 as the twentieth Annual National Student-Athlete Day. On this special day, we honored student-athletes and the network of parents, coaches, teachers, and school systems that make it possible for young people to strike a balance between academic and athletic achievement. The day is established by the National Consortium for Academics and Sports and Northeastern University's Center for the Study of Sport in Society, and is co-sponsored by the NCAA and the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS).

The Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) co-sponsored an event with the Department of Athletics to honor Hamilton's own outstanding scholar-athletes on April 5. Twenty-seven students were honored at The Hub in Bristol Campus Center during a special luncheon attended by the student-athletes, their coaches and some of their favorite professors. The award recipients maintain an outstanding cumulative grade point average and make a significant contribution to their team. These 27 people (pictured with this article) exemplify what it means to be a successful student-athlete. They will be profiled on posters in the lobby of the Athletic Center during the coming weeks so the community may learn more about them and how they have managed these *accomplishments*.

The luncheon was a great event and a terrific step in the direction of meeting one of SAAC's main goals, which is to improve communication and interaction among athletes, coaches and professors. Indeed, the 27 recipients of the outstanding scholar-athlete award are proof that it *is* possible to be dedicated and loyal to both the academic and athletic arenas. They have displayed dedication and hard work to successfully juggle academic and athletic endeavors. These students deserve the admiration and congratulations of the Hamilton community for their perseverance, teamwork, self-discipline, commitment to goals and general pursuit of excellence.

The award winners are as follows: **Fall Athletes:** Devin Eckstein '07 (Women's Soccer), Patrick Suarez '07 (Men's Soccer), Rebecca Mackenzie '08 (Women's Cross Country), Lucas Thornblade '07 (Men's Cross Country), Frank Harrington '07 (Football), Brittany Horn '07 (Women's Tennis), Allie Massaro '07 (Volleyball) and Emma Dunn '07 (Field Hockey). **Winter Athletes:** Mark Hodges '07 (Men's Swimming & Diving), Samantha Pitter '07 (Women's Swimming & Diving), Lauren Steates '07 (Indoor Track & Field), Allan Guiney '08 (Men's Indoor Track & Field), Jessica Goldberg '08 (Women's Ice Hockey), Nate Miller '08 (Men's Ice Hockey), Lindsay Walsh '07 (Women's Squash), John Frazier '07 (Men's Squash), Molly Kane '09 (Women's Basketball) and Kyle Dumas '09 (Men's Basketball). **Spring Athletes:** Suzy Belmont '07 (Women's Lacrosse), Ned Gilliss '08 (Men's Lacrosse), Rachel Bennek '07 (Women's Outdoor Track & Field), Keith Gross '09 (Men's Outdoor Track & Field), Kevin Coppola '07 (Baseball), Jennifer Sadowsky '08 (Softball), Kate Pallin '07 (Women's Crew), William Crowles '09 (Men's Crew) and Mike Hayes '08 (Men's Golf).

Baseball Hopes to Continue Success Versus Amherst



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Hood '08 had two home-runs versus Union Monday.

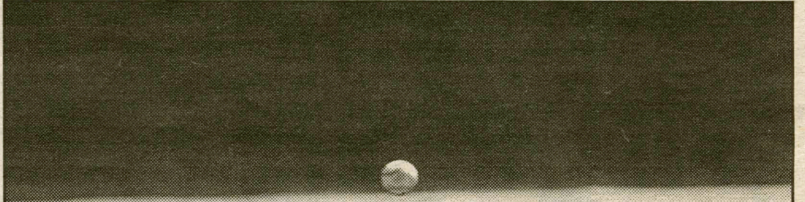
by Tom Gillespie '09
Sports Writer

On Monday May 1, the Hamilton College continentals defeated Union College in a stunning 6-3 victory. The team is poised to have one of its best seasons yet as they begin to make the final push into the end of the season. With a current record of 13-1, the team has proven that they are an up and coming power in the ultra-competitive NESCAC west division.

Hamilton had its first two homeruns of the season on Monday thanks to the hitting prowess of Dan Hood. Senior Pat McGarry said of Dan, "he can really hit the ball well." By his own right, McGarry is also a major contributor to the team's offense as he holds the school record for most hits.

Unfortunately the Jackie Robinson game was cancelled this year due to weather and was never rescheduled because of schedule constraints. "I am really disappointed that the Jackie Robinson game won't be happening this year," McGarry said. The senior also said, "That is my favorite game of the year and it saddens me that I can't bring home a win in [the Jackie Robinson Game] my senior year." Senior John Porges was also disappointed by the way the season worked out, saying "I think we played great this year but we never got to show it in the Jackie Robinson game."

The Continentals have an opportunity to improve their league standing this weekend as they play Amherst College in a fantastic NESCAC West rivalry. These games will be the team's second and third home games this year. The games will be played on historic Royce field. Max Foster '10 said, "I really hope that we can get a really good turnout at this weekend's games, it really helps to have a crowd at home games." Come out and support the Continentals on Friday and Saturday and show some school spirit. GO CONTS!



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Suarez '07 was also honored as a SAAC Student-Athlete.

SPORTS

Track & Field Improves at NESCACs

Head to NY State Championships this weekend at SUNY Brockport

by Kate Greenough '09
Sports Writer

With the sun on their backs and wings on their feet, the Hamilton Men's and Women's Outdoor Track Teams competed at the NESCAC (New England Small College Athletic Conference) Championships at Middlebury College on Saturday, April 28. After a disheartening last place finish for both teams at the 2006 NESCACs, the Continentals showed that they could keep pace with some of the best Division III teams in the nation.

The men's meet ended in a draw between Tufts University and Williams College, with 197.50 points apiece. With several top five and first place finishes, Hamilton landed an impressive eighth place finish out of 11 teams with 41 points, edging out Amherst, Connecticut College and Colby.

With top performances in the meet, Peter Kosgei '10 and James Russell '09 got the Continentals nearly half of their overall points and were honored by the league as NESCAC All-Stars.

Although it is his first year running track, Kosgei has been unstoppable. Beating out Tufts' premier distance runner, shattering his own school record, and qualifying for the NCAA Championships, Kosgei took the tape in the 3,000 meter steeplechase with a time of 9:14.42 seconds.

Pole vaulter James Russell began to wrap up a successful season by winning his event with a jump of 4.19 meters after setting a new personal best and school record in the final regular season meet on April 21on Hamilton's track.

A handful of other team members earned crucial points for the Continentals. Greg Fullman '09 was a force to be reckoned with in the 400m hurdles as he took fourth place with a time of 56.85 seconds. Claudius Zorokong '08 and Bill Kearney '08 each took fifth place in their events, earning the team four points each. Zorokong leaped 6.57 meters in the long jump, and Kearney threw 13.54 meters in the shot put.

The 1,600 meter relay team also landed in fifth place, crossing the line with a time of 3:26.89. Team captain Joe Sullivan '07 led off the relay team, Cam Gaylord '08, Fullman and Kosgei ran the other legs of the race.

The Hamilton women finished in seventh place out of eleven NESCAC teams, beating Bates, Trinity and Connecticut College. With multi-event depth and an abundance of personal bests and school records, the Continentals concluded the meet with an overall team score of 58 points, putting them out of sixth place by a mere six points.

Team captains Jenny Orbaker '07 and Laura Belden '07 earned league honors by finishing first in the high jump and second in the javelin throw, respectively. Orbaker broke her own school record with a jump of 1.60 meters. Following their lead, Akilah Bond '09 took second in the triple jump with a distance of 11.29 meters, also earning a spot on the All-NESCAC team, followed closely by teammate Lauren Steates '07, who took fifth place in the event.

New records were set in the pole vault and discus event groups.

Amanda Salisburg '08 barely edged out teammate Jessica Demichiel's recent school record by clearing 3.12 meters. Jess Demichiel '08 set the record on April 21 with a vault of 3.10 meters. Kary Pardy '08 broke a discus record (34.04 meters) that had stood since 1980 with a toss of 34.43 meters.

On the track, a host of women boasted top-ten finishes. Captain Rachel Bennek '07 broke her personal best and school record in the 400-meter dash, with a time of 60.10 seconds. Kristen Selden '09 ended up in fifth place in the 100-meter hurdles, as did the 4 x 100 relay team. The relay team, made up of Bond, Alexandra Americanos '10, Erica Dressler '09 and Liz Wahl '10 broke the school record they had set a week before with a time of 50.71 seconds.

Even after an abbreviated season with inclement weather, the Continentals showed constant improvement, and have made great strides during the season. For some seniors, this weekend's New York State Collegiate Track Conference championships at SUNY Brockport will be their final meet wearing Hamilton colors. The vacancy left by Hamilton seniors will certainly be felt by teammates and coaches alike.

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Women's Lax hosts LL Tournament; Vassar Today

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Women's Lacrosse will host the Liberty League tournament today and tomorrow. This is the first time that Hamilton has hosted the tournament. Hamilton earned the honor by earning the top seed in the conference as a result of their enviable league record, a perfect 8-0.

Having already won 13 straight, Hamilton will play fourth-seed Vassar College at 2 p.m. today. Following that game, second seeded Union will play William Smith, the third seed. The winners of these two contests will face each other on Saturday afternoon at 1 p.m. The winner of Saturday's Championship game will receive an automatic bid to the NCAA Division III tournament.

Hamilton will rely upon the strong play of its leaders so far this season. Just this week, two Lady Continentals were selected as weekly award winners for the Liberty League. Kaillie Briscoe '09 was an Offensive Performer of the Week pick, and Kalley Greer '07 scooped up yet another Defensive Performer of the Week award.

Additionally, eight women's lacrosse players were selected to the All-Liberty League team on May 3. Nicole Tetreault '08 was voted player of the Year, a huge honor as she was voted as such by all of the coaches of the league. She joins Liz Longley '07 who earned the same honor last year.

Joining Tetreault on the First Team are midfielders Kate Marek '09 and Jen McGowan '08. This is Marek's second nod to the team and McGowan joins the first team after two years as a Second Team honoree.

The Continental defense boasts three honorees: Tara Eckberg '08, Liz Rave '10 and Kalley Greer '07. Briscoe made the Second Team this year as a sophomore after a stellar freshman season earning Rookie of the Year honors.

The Continentals will rely upon the offensive power that Tetreault, Longley, Marek, McGowan and Briscoe have generated this season. To give you an idea of the kind of talent the Hamilton Women's Lacrosse team boasts here are some statistics of Continentals in the Top-10 in the League. Tetreault leads the Liberty League with 48 goals this season. She is tied in third with 4.50 points per game. She is tied for seventh with 1.07 assists per game.

Marek ranks third in the league with 3.4 draw controls per game and has 21 points for the season with 13 goals and eight assists. McGowan has contributed 15 goals and assisted on seven others. Greer leads the league with 7.75 goals against average and is second with a .561 save percentage. Eckberg and Rave both amassed 15 caused turnovers.

Rave also contributed to the offense by scoring eight goals and assisting on four others. Briscoe also has not gone unnoticed this season as she leads the league with 2.13 assists per game, is fourth with 4.40 points per game and is tenth with 2.27 goals per game.

Senior phenoms Longley, Suzy Belmont and Inga Stots have also had stellar seasons on offense. Greer has been playing exceptionally well in goal and is a large reason the Continentals have been so successful this season. Both Longley and Stots broke into the exclusive 100 career goal club. Longley has scored 27 goals this year and is the program's all-time leader in assists with 80. Stots has 16 goals and 5 assists for the season and Belmont has amassed an impressive 24 goals and three assists. All four of these talented women will be missed by the program, as will senior teammates Beth Starker and Amanda Keogh.

Best of luck to the Continentals this afternoon and tomorrow as they face their thirsty Liberty League opponents. Look for the Continentals to excel as they have all season. Good luck!

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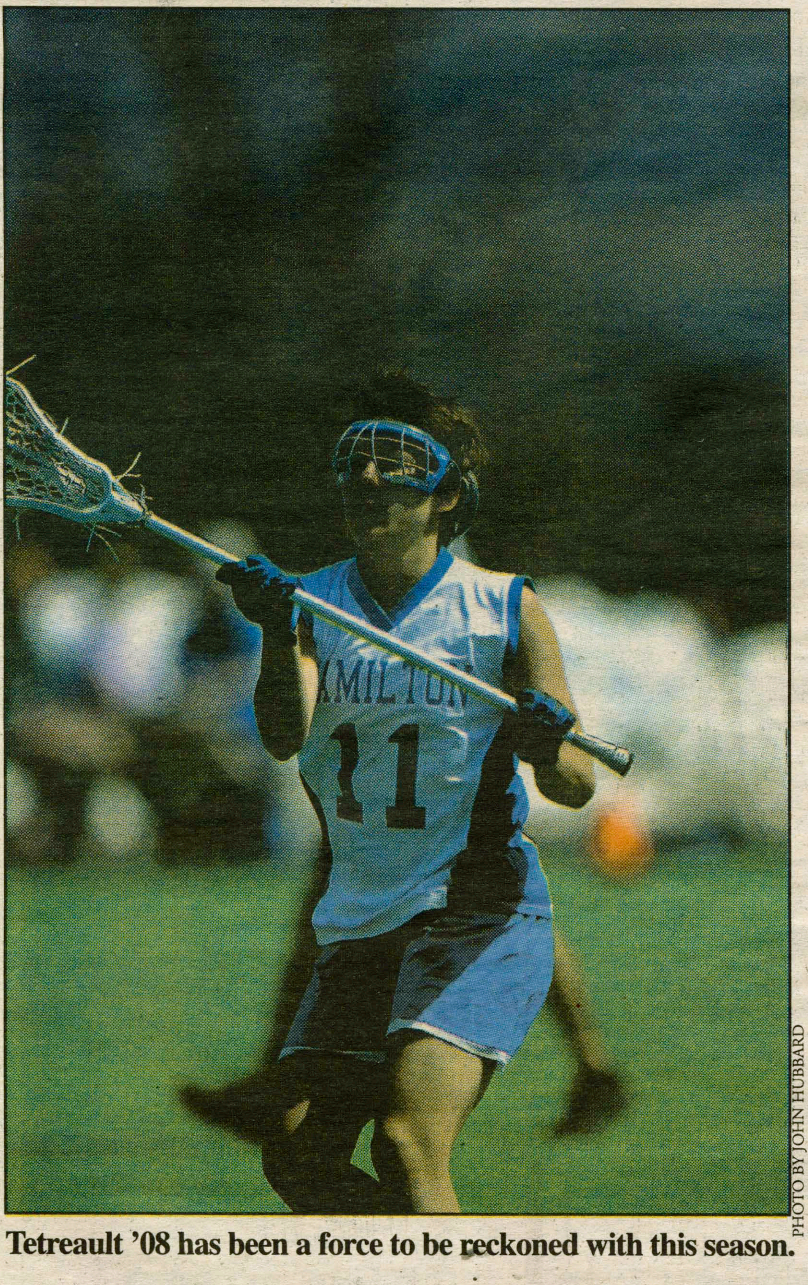
Longley '07 hopes to lead the Continentals to an automatic NCAA berth with two wins.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Tetreault '08 has been a force to be reckoned with this season.

This Weekend in Hamilton Athletics:

Friday 5/4:
Baseball v. Amherst
HamTrek
Lacrosse (W) v. Vassar
Track & Field (M&W)
NYSTC Championships
@ SUNY Brockport

Saturday 5/5:
Baseball v. Amherst
Crew (M&W) @ NY State
Championships
Track & Field (M&W)
NYSTC Championships
@ SUNY Brockport

Go Blue!